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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Christmas 1954

FOR the world, Christmas 1954 has been a memorable and eventful occasion, almost entirely free from the scourge of war, still wanting in the peace and goodwill which the Angels proclaimed to the people of the earth outside Bethlehem almost two thousand years ago. The world will rejoice that no gun shots disturbed the festivities in the Holy Land, that the barriers dividing the disputed territory were lowered to enable pilgrims to make their annual visit to the shrine of Christ's birthplace for a few moments of silent worship and praise. The world will rejoice that there is no longer fighting in Indo-China and Korea but if there is cause for satisfaction that the major conflicts have been eliminated, there is cause for concern over the continued fighting in Malaya, Kenya and, nearer our shores, the island war between the Nationalists and the Communists.

FOR Western Europe, it was a Christmas of tragedies and disasters. An airliner crashed killing 28 people. High seas, gales and floods claimed the lives of over 115 people. The huge holiday road toll in America mounted every hour. The Western world anxiously watches France as the National Assembly prepares to vote on the vital Paris agreements which grant rearmament and sovereignty to Western Germany and establish a Western European union of nations. In New York, the United Nations Secretary, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld prepares to embark on a mission to Peking which will determine whether East-West antagonism is to remain in perpetuity or whether world tension is to be reduced. There can be thankfulness, however, that the American Government decided to settle its dispute with Communist China over the imprisoned airmen by peaceful means for undoubtedly any success achieved by the United Nations in this endeavour will certainly strengthen its position as the guardian of liberty, justice and peace in the eyes of a sceptical world.

OBSERVERS may claim that Christmas 1954 brought happiness to more people than in any year since the end of World War II. Yet universal peace and goodwill still eludes us. An untimely goal, the fatalists will say. So why continue striving? Hate, fear, suspicion, pride, avarice—all these, and many others, are essentially human characteristics which will continue as long as men and women inhabit the earth. Violence, misery, destruction, poverty and all kinds of suffering are the prospect before us if we succumb to this fatalism, to the belief that the pattern of progress of civilisation is unchangeable. The Christmas message reminds us of the huge task confronting us, not only in the field of human civilisation but in the redemption of the Christian world itself. But to attempt this task, it is essential to have the spirit of Christmas throughout the year. The Christmas message is a guiding light, a beacon for the world. It is a message of hope, of faith, of love. It is a message that we must all heed, for it is the only way to a better world.

# BRITAIN UNDER FIRE FROM PEKING

## Chou's Strong Attack On Pro-American Policies

### 'IMPAIRING RELATIONS' HE SAYS

London, Dec. 26. The Premier of Communist China, Mr Chou En-lai attacked Britain for "vigorously following the dangerous policy of the United States bloc on certain major issues."

Mr Chou made this attack in a political report to the Second National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference—the organisation which acted as China's "Parliament" until the People's Congress was elected earlier this year.

The New China News Agency reported today that Mr Chou said there had been some improvement in relations between China and Britain during the Geneva conference due to efforts on both sides.

## Mr France Seeks Support

Paris, Dec. 26. The Premier M. Pierre Mendès-France staged a neat political counter-attack tonight to save his Government and German rearmament in tomorrow's showdown vote.

He raised the social benefits paid by the Government to families and then put his last hope in American and British warnings that West Germany must be rearmament.

His own Premiership is at stake in two showdown confidence votes tomorrow afternoon.

More important, so is the security of the Western alliance—United Press (See P.8-Weekend Developments)

## Cameraman's Film Confiscated

Sandringham Incident

Sandringham, Dec. 26. A young schoolmaster, who made a bid to beat the ban on photographing Queen Elizabeth as she walked home from church yesterday, had his camera seized and the film confiscated by police, according to newspaper reports here.

The man—police will not give his name—rushed in front of the crowd waiting to see the Queen with the Duke of Edinburgh as she left church on Christmas morning.

He ran beside the Royal couple and their children, filming them with his 16 millimetre movie camera.

The incident occurred in Sandringham Park, part of the Royal Family's private estate.

Members of the public are allowed into the park to watch the Royal Family go to and from church on Christmas Day and Sundays. But there is a ban on cameras. People are asked to leave them with police officers at the gate.

Yesterday's would-be Royal photographer was escorted from the park by police. His camera was returned after he agreed to having the film confiscated—China Mail Special.

## Four Killed In Xmas Day Fire

Oslo, Dec. 26. Four people, including a mother and children were killed in a fire in southern Norway on Christmas Day.

The 30-year old mother and her two-year old daughter perished in the smoke when fire broke out in their old wooden house in Kristiansand. Their only way out was through the room where the fire started.

An old lady in the same house, escaped but died later from her burns—Reuter.

## The Pope: 'Getting On Well'

Vatican City, Dec. 26. Pope Pius XII alone at night for the first time for 23 days last night and was described as 'getting on very well' today—Reuter.

## Nehru Leaves For Tokyo

Calcutta, Dec. 26. Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, left by air this morning on his way to Tokyo to attend the Christmas dinner at the Japanese Embassy.

But recently, he said, the British Government had been "vigorously following the dangerous policy of the United States bloc on certain major issues."

He said that the American treaty with the Nationalists and "encouraged the United States in its seizure of Taiwan."

"This contravenes the obligations undertaken by the British Government in many solemn international agreements and impairs relations between China and Britain."

"The Chinese Government cannot but feel great regret at this attitude of the British Government," Mr Chou said.

AMERICA CRITICISED

Then he turned on America. The United States was "deliberately creating tension" over the 13 Americans convicted for spying in China, he said.

He said there had been some relaxation of the international situation during the past six months though "the United States aggressive bloc and its followers are making every effort to extend and deepen the antagonism and division of the world and prepare for a new world war."

He attacked the Paris Agreements to reform West Germany and the Manila Treaty.

VIOLATED GENEVA PACT

He blamed the United States for "actively penetrating into Vietnam to violate the Geneva Agreement" and for "spurring no effort to convert South Vietnam into its military base."

The treaty between the United States and the Chinese Nationalists was a great menace to peace in the Far East and Asia, he said.

To cover up the "aggressive substance" of this treaty, the United States was deliberately creating tension by setting up a clamour about the 13 Americans who had been "justly convicted" of spying.

It had "manipulated the United Nations into adopting an absurd resolution purporting to condemn China."

## KOREAN POLICY

In Korea, the United States was intensifying the building up of Syngman Rhee's forces and

## Record Attempt Ends In Death

Marseilles, Dec. 26. A twenty-year-old French glider pilot, Bertrand Davin, lost his life while trying to break a world record.

His one-seater Kramlich III glider crashed early on Sunday morning in the Alpilles Mountains north-east of Marseilles. Davin started his endurance flight on Friday morning and had been in the air for about 44 hours before he crashed.

The present world record is held by another French pilot, Charles Aiger, who managed to keep his glider airborne for 50 hours—15 minutes—France Press.

## Her Sixth Marriage

Hollywood, Dec. 26. Arline Judge, the film actress, announced yesterday she would be married for the sixth time "sometime after the first of the year."

She said she had received an engagement ring from Mr. Ed Hoag, a Hollywood businessman—Reuter.

## Missed Christmas Dinner

Bomb, Dec. 26. Hundreds of Royal Air Force men all over Germany missed their Christmas dinner yesterday because they were ordered to guard the German borders against the possibility of a surprise attack on the Western Front—Reuter.

manipulating the United Nations to prevent a peaceful settlement of the Korean question.

The United States was also actively engineering a Middle East aggressive grouping to line up "into a great chain to divide the world and encircle the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China and the People's Democracies to facilitate the preparation for a new world war," Chou said.

In contrast, the "peace-loving nations of East and West had made every effort to reduce international tension and defend world peace."

He said the principles for peaceful co-existence advocated by China, India and Burma had won universal support among the peace-loving peoples of the world.

TAIWAN LIBERATION

Of Formosa, he said, "Taiwan is China's territory and the Chinese people will never rest until Taiwan is liberated."

China firmly opposed the American treaty with the Nationalists and no "war threats" could frighten them in their determined struggle to defend their national sovereignty and territory.

All the "absurd" propositions that Formosa should be made independent or neutralised or put under trusteeship were "aimed at dividing China's territory."

"The Chinese people will never tolerate this. The Chinese people resolutely demand that the United States withdraw all its forces from Taiwan, the Penghu Islands and the Taiwan Straits," Chou said.

## SUPPORTS MOLOTOV

He expressed "warm support" for the statement of Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, on the need for "normalising" relations with Japan.

"China is with Japan to establish normal relations with Japan if the Japanese Government is prepared to take steps to normalise relations," he said.

(China and Russia are not signatories to the 1951 San Francisco-Japanese treaty).

"The Chinese Government advocates the development of wide trade relations with Japan on the principles of equality and mutual benefit and also the establishment of close cultural contacts," Mr Chou said.

Later, the New China News Agency issued the text of a declaration from the Second National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference stating "the conference is unanimously in favour of the grave act of war provocation committed by the United States Government (on Formosa)."

"We hereby pledge to carry through with all our strength the joint declaration for the liberation of Formosa issued on August 22 last by all democratic parties and groups and people's organisations. The Chinese people will never stop until Formosa is liberated"—Reuter.

## WORLD AND LOCAL NEWS

### HIGHLIGHTS OVER XMAS

B. O. A. C. Stratoscoper crashed at Prestwick airport 28 killed—P.10.  
Danish ship, Lena Mærsk destroyed by fire in Suez—P.10.  
Three Chinese Christians killed in Taiwan—P.10.  
Hundreds of Royal Air Force men all over Germany missed their Christmas dinner yesterday because they were ordered to guard the German borders against the possibility of a surprise attack on the Western Front—Reuter.

## TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"	By "The Turf"
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<b>RACE 3</b> Armament Comet How Do I Know Outsider—Valbridge.	<b>RACE 3</b> How Do I Know Comet Dreadnought Outsider—Vagabond King.
<b>RACE 4</b> Rous D'or Grasschurch Harvest Moon Outsider—Wild Honey.	<b>RACE 4</b> Grasschurch Wild Honey Harvest Moon Outsider—South Pacific.
<b>RACE 5</b> L'Arc Triomphe Beautiful Star First Edition Outsider—Caesar.	<b>RACE 5</b> Kneel-Again Caesar Norman Outsider—L'Arc Triomphe.
<b>RACE 6</b> Charleroi Skylon Star-Glo Outsider—Hallmark.	<b>RACE 6</b> Charleroi Skylon Hallmark Outsider—Crackerjack.
<b>RACE 7</b> Attractive Power Brilliant Atomic Caesar Outsider—Free Kick.	<b>RACE 7</b> Atomic Caesar Advancement Free Kick Outsider—Conqueror.
<b>RACE 8</b> Emperor Delight Mintar Blossom Time Outsider—Honey Dew.	<b>RACE 8</b> Ben Lowers Emperor Delight Jungle Queen Outsider—Manx Penny.
<b>RACE 9</b> Speedy Roger The Stranger Avoca Outsider—Ann Hing.	<b>RACE 9</b> Speedy Roger Cordon Rouge United Victory Outsider—Perfection.

## The Whitest Christmas In Europe For Years Shines

## AVALANCHE WARNING TO HOLIDAYMAKERS

Vienna, Dec. 26. The authorities broadcast urgent avalanche warnings by radio tonight to thousands of tourists flooding Alpine ski resorts of three countries.

The whitest Christmas in years posed the threat of white death over mountain regions of Austria, Switzerland and Germany where, a year ago more than 200 persons died under avalanches.

A morning snowslide on the Salzburg-Gastein road in Austria trapped occupants of three cars but mountaineers swiftly dug them out. No one was injured.

In the familiar perilous pattern, rising temperatures threatened to release tons of snow-fallen snow in the Alpine peaks.

DANGER "ACUTE"

All Austrian radio stations started carrying warnings of "acute avalanche danger" early today as temperatures rose in the snow-laden provinces of Vorarlberg, Tyrol and Salzburg. Thousands of foreign tourists were vacationing there.

A number of small avalanches were reported from Western Salzburg and the Gastein region. Some highways were completely closed to traffic because of big snow-barriers.

## DEEP SNOW

Weather officials said "warm westerly winds would heighten the avalanche danger during the night and tomorrow morning. Rain and fresh snow were predicted."

Melchior Schild, head of the Avalanche Department of the Institute, said this year's Christmas was "one of the whitest on record." The average depth of

## McCARTHY PLANS A COMEBACK

### New Attack On Britain

Washington, Dec. 26. Senator Joseph McCarthy said today he was receiving figures showing that Communist China "receives a lot more materials from the Allies today than they did two years ago."

He said the situation "becomes worse month by month."

The Senator said in an interview that he planned to do a lot of public speaking after January 1 to stress his idea for a blockade of Communist China "not a naval blockade by United States warships, but a blockade brought about by cutting off aid to nations which do trade with the Reds."

It was the controversial Senator's first statement on his "get tough with the Communists" theme since he accused President Eisenhower on December 7 of a "shrinking show of weakness" on international Communism.

"FREE CHINA"

Senator McCarthy also said the United States should free Chiang Kai-shek to attack the "soft underbelly" of the China mainland.

He said that unless Chiang's Nationalist forces on Formosa were permitted to see action, they would "wither on the vine."

Senator McCarthy thought an assault on the mainland would have a good chance of success without American manpower.

He said there was "nothing new" in his attack on Communist China trade.

Asked what he expected to gain by his speeches, Senator McCarthy said he believed the public would demand a change in policy if it knew all the facts.

"IT'S STILL WRONG"

"I thought it was wrong under the Truman administration and I think it's still wrong," he said. "I don't think the change in administration has changed the morals of the situation."

Referring to the U.S. airman seized by Red China on spy charges, Senator McCarthy said: "The question is whether we have the same duty to our uniformed men as they owe to their country. If so, we ought not to be supplying the economic sinews of war to their captors."

Senator McCarthy said the Administration should take action against:

1. Nations that trade directly with Red China.
2. Those which lease ships for Red China trade.

## Son For Hillary

Auckland, Dec. 26. Lady Hillary, wife of Mount Everest conqueror Sir Edmund Hillary, gave birth to a son today.

The baby weighed 8 lbs. 7 ounces. He and his mother are well—Reuter.

## U.S. Holiday Death Toll

New York, Dec. 26. At least 25 people have lost their lives so far in the United States during the Christmas holiday with 201 of them killed in car accidents.

Fires have taken 29 lives—Reuter.

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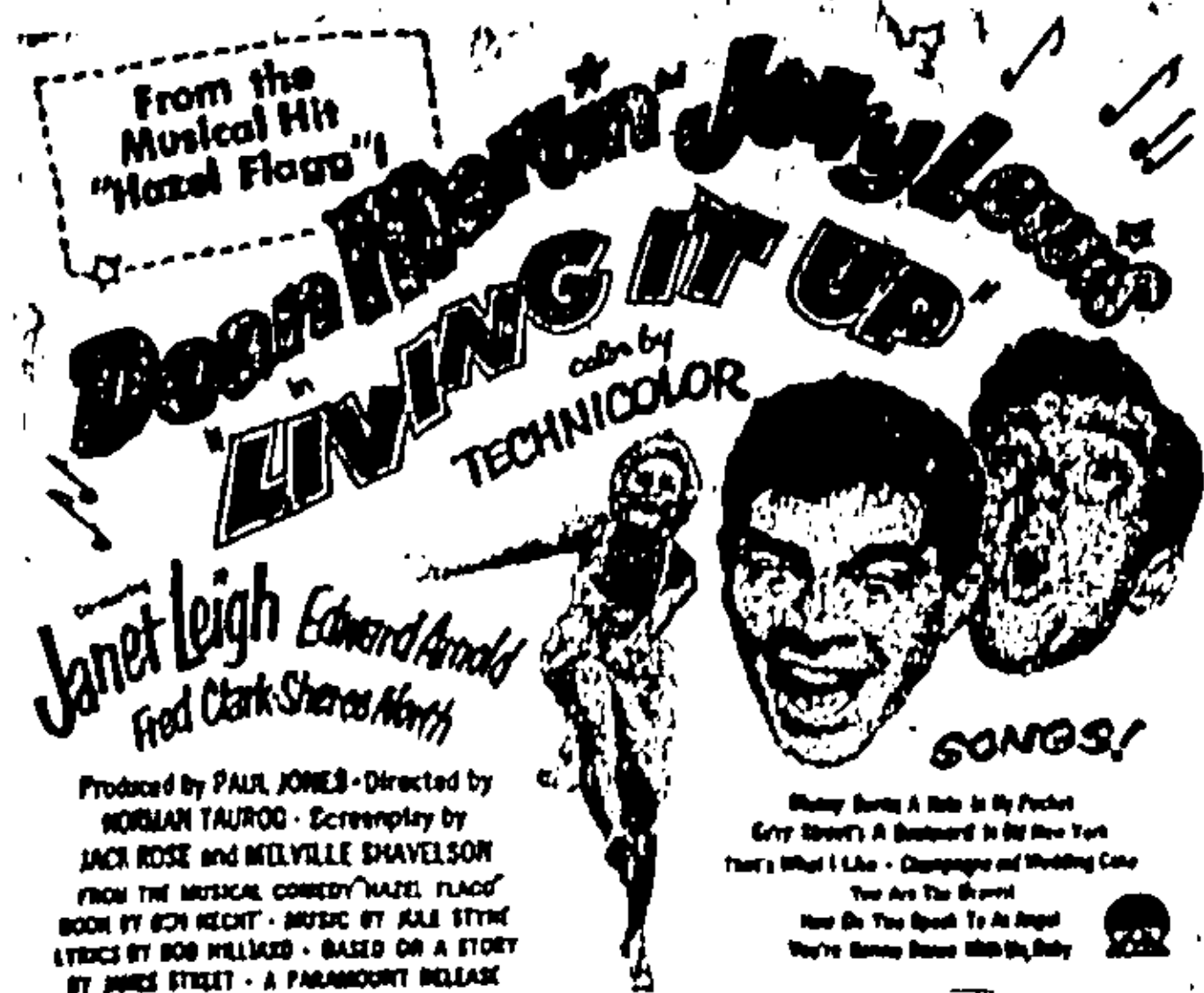
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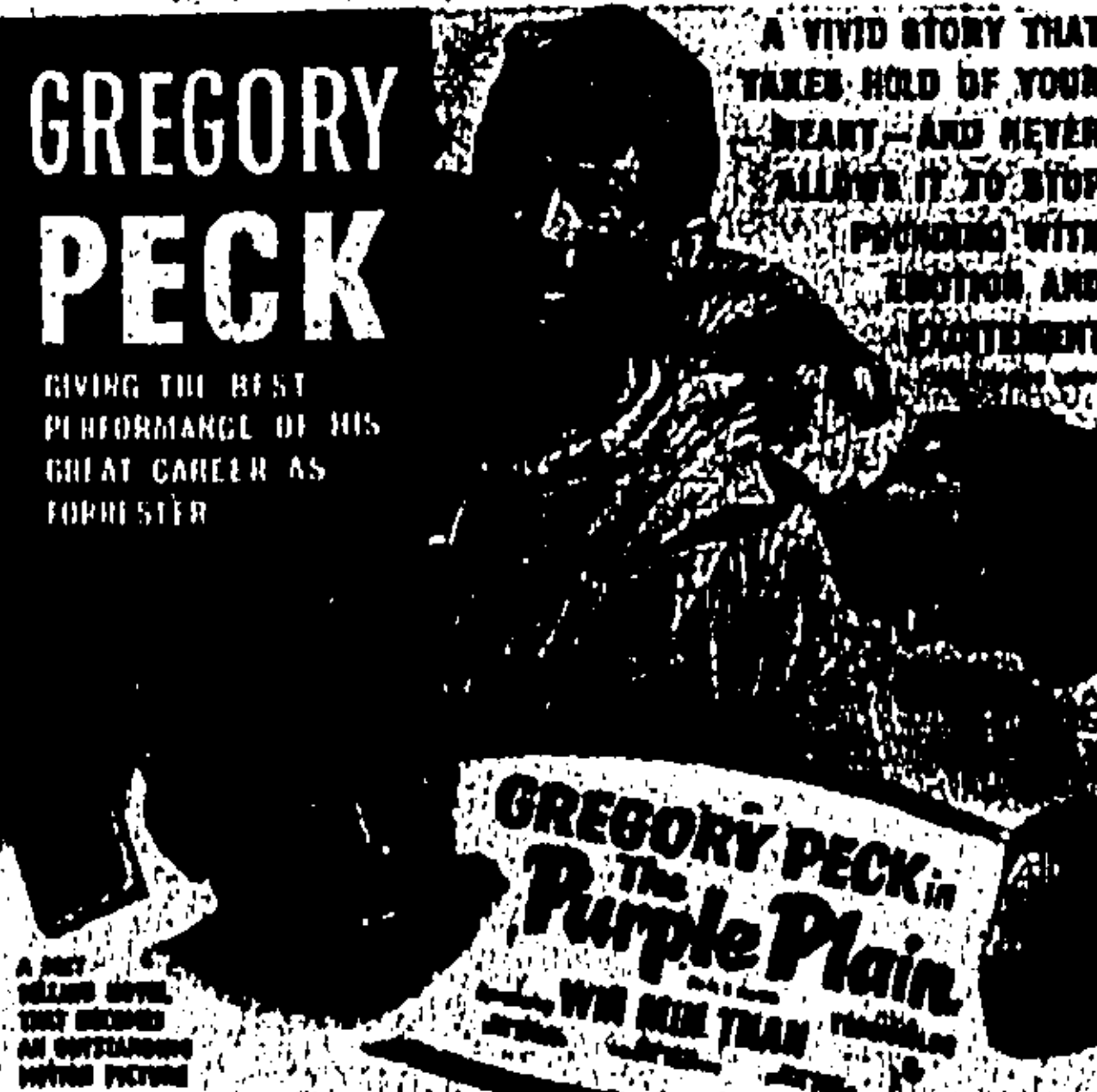


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# XMAS CELEBRATIONS

## Pilgrims Invade Bethlehem And Deadly Enemies Forget Their War

Bethlehem, Dec. 25.

Guarded barriers barring travel between Israel and Jordan swung open today on this day of peace and Christian pilgrims from many lands trekked humbly to the birthplace of Christ. Bells pealed out their tidings of joy over the tense Holy Land, split by an uneasy truce between the Israeli and the Arabs.

Diplomats and United Nations representatives travelled the very road the three Wise Men used when they followed their star on that day long ago—dusty now from disuse. But for most of the pilgrims the route lay through Jerusalem's Mandelbaum Gate and past the Garden of Gethsemane—now close to an Arab Legion frontier post.

A bright, clear morning heralded the advent of Christmas Day as pilgrims flocked through the streets of this tiny town.

Nearer the frontier Jerusalem also hummed with activity as tourists took advantage of the yearly relaxation of frontier regulations to throng the streets of old Jerusalem, where Jesus walked nearly 2,000 years ago.

Over a thousand Israeli tourists alone visited the Holy City yesterday and today their number was trebled by sightseers from almost every Christian nation, including many Americans.

Diplomats and Consul officials returning to Jerusalem at 2 a.m. this morning after attending the Catholic Midnight Mass at Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity said that their yearly sight of the places where Jesus Christ walked and talked had been "awe inspiring."

Jerusalem today was a city of contrasts. The new (Israeli) sector, 500 acres of normally bustling modern commerce, lay shuttered and silent for today is the Jewish Sabbath.

The Old City, where Christ lived, was filled to capacity with tourists and across the whole city the bells rang out.

To Christians Jerusalem is holy because it is the place where Christ lived, taught and was buried and resurrected. Moslems revere it because Mohammed ascended to heaven from the city, and to the Jews it is the sacred site of their temple and the ancient capital of their people.

### THE VATICAN

Pope Pius XII, a frail white figure, appeared for a few moments today at the window of his study to bless the crowds of Roman and foreign pilgrims gathered outside the Vatican palace.

Professor Riccardo Galeazzi Lisi, his personal physician, stood closer behind as the Pope mounted a small platform in the big open window.

Cries of "Long live the Pope!" rung from the crowds as the Pontiff raised both his arms in greeting.

He was clearly visible in the brilliant winter sunlight which flooded into the study behind him. He waved several times with both hands to acknowledge the shouts and clapping of the thousands of people below.

Doctors attending the ailing Pope will not be in attendance in his bedroom tonight—for the first time since he fell ill 25 days ago—authoritative Vatican sources said.

This is possible in view of the constant improvement in his health, the sources said.

In this afternoon's warm sun light the 78-year-old Pontiff again went for a 25-minute outing in a secluded corner of the Vatican gardens.

### Storms In Europe

Christmas snow flurries powdered parts of Europe while today and men feared dead came home from settling seas.

Snowfalls following four days of howling gales and lashing rains painted picturesque villages like Christmas postcard but brought the terror of possible avalanches to parts of Switzerland.

The 1,371-ton Swedish steamer missing since Thursday with 20 men on board was located today off the island of Svalbard.

The captain, reported by radio all hands were safe and some had already reached shore.

The tug Holland, meanwhile, reached the hook of Holland towing the 2,764-ton Danish vessel Cimbric which snapped a propeller shaft at the height of the storm.

Schweinfurter Radio reported, however, that a tiny Swedish fishing ship that left Bornholm yesterday was seen sailing westward lost with three aboard.

Casualty reports boosted the death toll which reached 100 on Christmas Eve to 122. At least 24, they were rescued, or disappeared. Thousands were injured.

The Communist East German radio reported two persons were killed on Thursday night. An avalanche buried five persons near Flensburg, Schleswig-Holstein, on Thursday.

tunnelled out four bodies and were searching for the fifth.

The Davos avalanche warning institute warned Christmas holidays of the dangers of heavy snowfalls. The service warned skiers to avoid long mountain tours and to stay within marked and guarded areas.

Snow also fell in Germany where authorities were still trying to estimate the damage in the four days of storms. Ice covered the four-lane superhighway crammed with Christmas traffic and automobile safety patrols slipped along the drifting concrete.

Ice-shrouded roads forced motorists to abandon at least 40 cars in eastern France when temperatures dropped below freezing. On the battered western French coasts temperatures fell, too, as chill fog and mist billowed in from the steady seas.

Along the Belgian coast bleak grey clouds rolled in a day dark and windless in the wake of the storms.

In London the Air Ministry reported mild weather in most districts followed by slight rain drizzles.

### Guests Of Germans

About 5,000 British servicemen celebrated Christmas Day as the invited guests of German families.

Thousands more sat down to traditional turkey lunches served by officers and other non-commissioned officers. The British Rhine Army Headquarters at Moenchengladbach, near the Dutch border, had Turkey brought from Holland. A Royal Air Force unit at Bielefeld, Holland, had pork from Götting, Berlin, where the R.A.F. has its own pig farm.

Most units had their best Christmas dinner since the occupation of Germany began in 1945. Naut officials said they made sure this would be the "holiest Christmas yet."

Duties were cut to a minimum and R.A.F. units with the Second Allied Tactical Air Force had an official stand down from their commander, Air Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst.

### Singapore

Despite brilliant sunshine, today was a wet Christmas for some of thousands of victims of last week's floods which covered many parts of Singapore and Malaya.

Many of the flood victims spent today returning to their damaged and muddy villages while others remained in relief centres. They were given rice and clothing donated by the public.

The worst flooded area was "Crocodile Town"—Kota Tinggi—in southern Johore where snakes and crocodiles swim around in the main streets. The crocodiles snatched ducks and dogs. But the people of Kota Tinggi were cheerful.

### Mother Returns

Shenandoah, Iowa, Dec. 24. A wandering mother who was feared to be dead for five years answered the prayers of her four young sons today and came home for Christmas.

Mrs. Elsie Mae Rhoades Hill, 29, arrived by plane from New York with her new husband. She kissed her grinning boys. Calling each of them by name she threw her arms around the neck of her mother, who had cared for the children, and said, "Oh, mother, I am so sorry."

It was the first time the family has been re-united since Mrs. Hill, then a widow of three

months, became lost after a dance and was too ashamed afterward to go home.

She wandered from Missouri to Chicago and finally to New York while her mother, Mrs. Thomas Woods, cared for the four boys, Mike, David, Richard and Robert. The boys' ages now range from five to eight.

Reuter cables from world centres gave the following picture of Christmas in those countries:

Augusta, Georgia: President and Mrs. Eisenhower spent Christmas quietly in their snug brick house on the golf course here.

Raid Memorial Presbyterian Church, where the President and his wife usually attend, did not hold Christmas Day services but Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower will go to church on Sunday.

New York: Hundreds of Christmas cards went out this year bearing a special stamp commemorating the first Christmas observance in the new world and post-marked from the tiny Haitian town of Petite Anse-au-Cap, where one of Columbus' ships was wrecked in December 1492.

Buenos Aires: Public celebrations of Christmas here were almost entirely non-religious with the traditional city crib and broadcast hymns absent and few Christian symbols in the shops.

The change followed President Juan Peron's recent complaints that the Catholic church was interfering in politics. Since then divorce has been allowed, Catholic education curtailed and religious processions banned.

Ottawa: Four Canadians and four Americans celebrated the most northerly Christmas at Alert on the tip of Ellesmere Island, 490 miles south of the Pole.

Melbourne: Australians manning research and weather outposts in Antarctica chatted to their relatives over a special radio hookup today as they enjoyed "festive" meals of penguin, seal steak and tinned Christmas pudding.

Russian scientists of Polar Station No. 2 are to have trees and gifts flown from Russia for New Year festivities, according to Moscow Radio. The scientists are camped on a floating ice floe.

Paris: Parisians packed the capital's churches, restaurants and night clubs until well after dawn. Motorists duffed a police ban just after midnight when they were caught in a mammoth traffic jam.

Motor coaches took thousands of people out of the city to dine in provincial towns. More than 700,000 spent the holiday out of the city.

Geneva: About 80,000 people spent this Christmas in Europe's 240 largest camps, nine years after the end of the war. In the camps were pinned up a message from the United Nations High Commissioner, which read in part: "May this time soon come when you will be sitting round a fire in a room you can truly call your home."

Stuttgart: The City Government put 50-foot tall illuminated Christmas trees in the front gardens of leading Americans living here and asked German families to invite American soldiers to their homes for Christmas dinner.

Berlin: Berlin airport's Santa Claus welcomed Hollywood film star Ava Gardner with a Christmas present when she arrived today for five days in the capital.

Moscow: Moscow Radio began its English language "mailbag"

programme today with greetings by the announcer, who said: "I just want to wish a Merry Christmas to all who are celebrating that day and repeat that Christmas wish which is surely the wish of all of us: peace on earth, goodwill towards men."

Cape Town: Thousands of people in Cape Province turned out at Cape Town, Grahamstown, Port Elizabeth, East London and other centres today to watch an annual eclipse of the sun in which the moon's shadow leaves a ring of light around the dark circle across the sun.—Reuter.

## IRISHMEN TOLD NOT TO USE FORCE

Armagh, Ireland, Dec. 24.

Cardinal John Dalton, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, tonight asked young Irishmen not to resort to violence "in their eagerness to end the unnatural division of our community."

Cardinal Dalton was voicing the Roman Catholic hierarchy's first condemnation of the illegal Irish Republican Army's campaign against Northern Ireland, which is divided politically from the Irish Republic and is part of the United Kingdom.

### APPEAL

Preaching at midnight Mass in Armagh Cathedral, the Cardinal said: "I appeal to our young men not to join in unauthorised forces to which apparently they are sometimes asked to bind themselves by oath."

"Irishmen are ready to take heroic sacrifices for their community but they should not by precipitate and irresponsible actions injure the cause to which they are devoted."

He said the injustice of the partition was so glaring that it could not continue. But every true lover of Ireland should pray that it would end in an atmosphere of goodwill.—Reuter.

## Casablanca Bomb Explosion

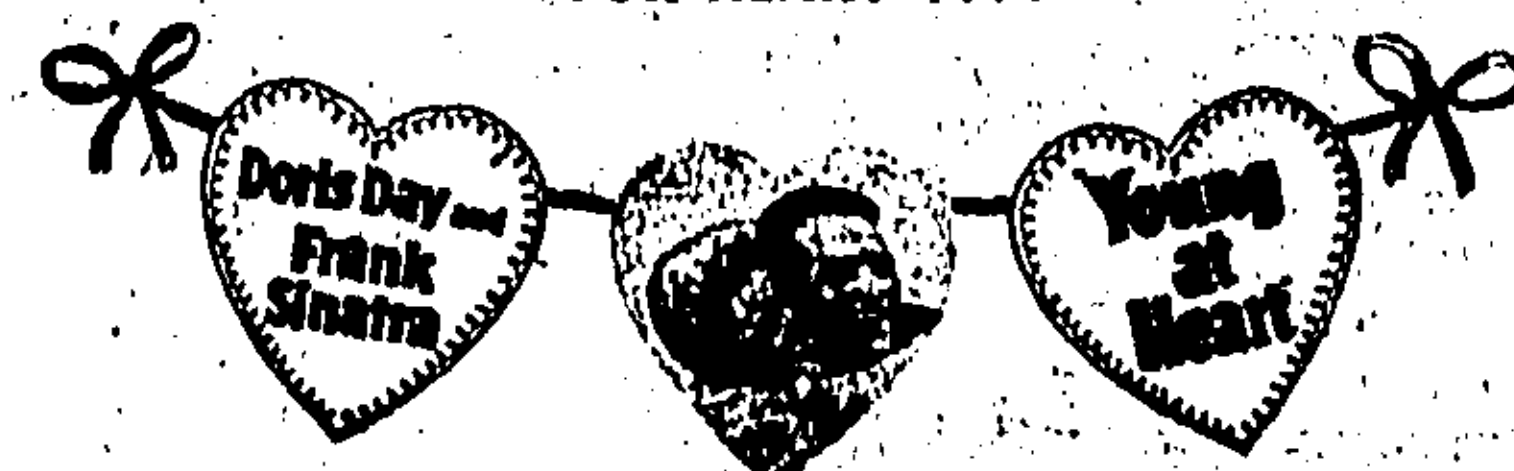
Casablanca, Dec. 25.

A bomb which killed three Moroccans and injured several others in Casablanca today was exploded accidentally while terrorists were making homemade ammunition, a police enquiry revealed here tonight.

A police search in the building in the new Arab residential district, where the explosion took place resulted in the discovery of several detonators.

Another Moroccan died from bullet wounds after an attack outside his home in another part of the town. Earlier today two Moroccans were wounded by bullets.—France-Press and Reuter.

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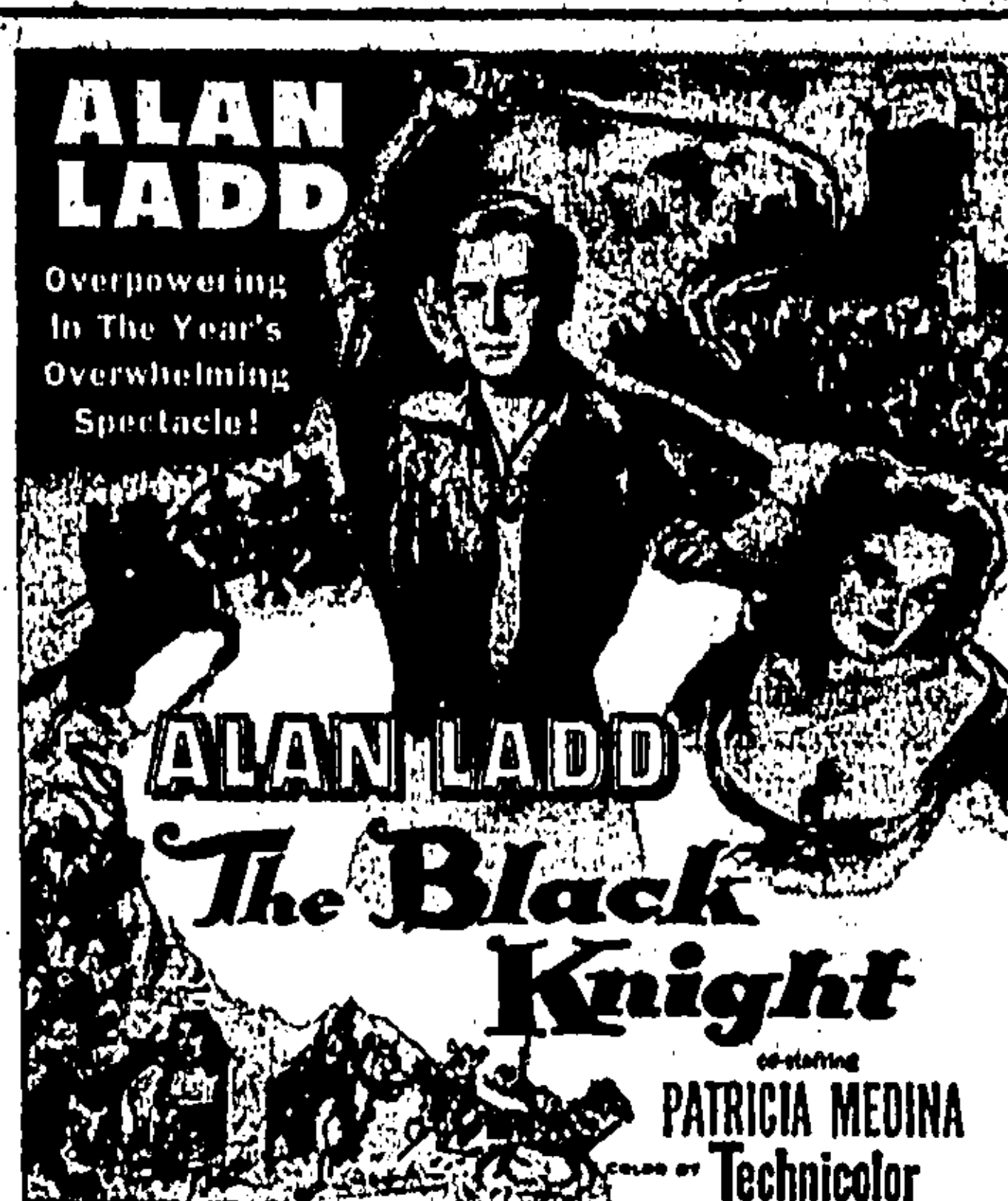


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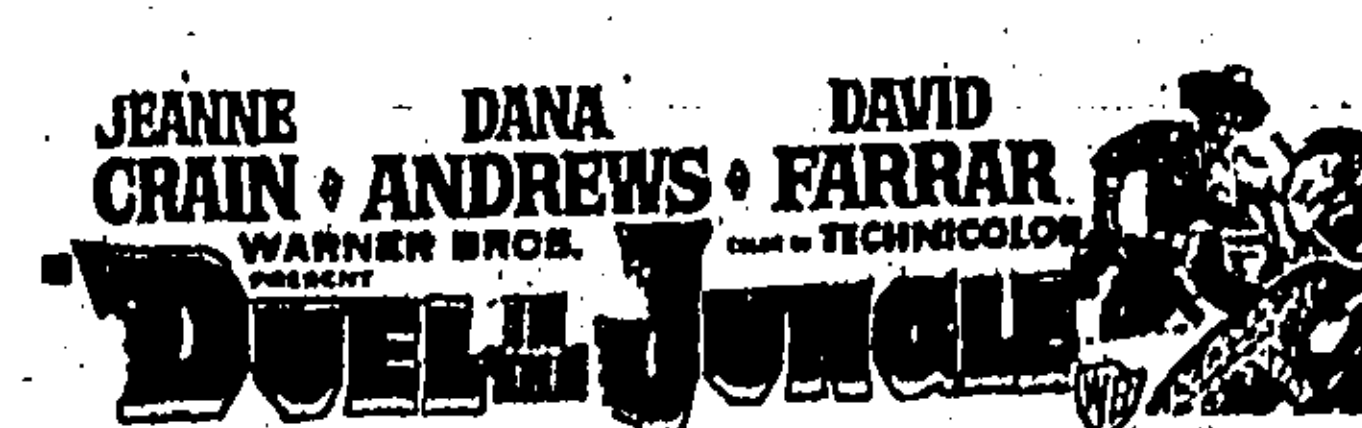


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# WEST EUROPEAN UNION

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## Britain's Offer Of Troops Depends On French Ratification

London, Dec. 24.

The British Foreign Office declared today that the British offer made at the London conference to keep British forces on the Continent of Europe depended on the ratification of the Paris agreements by all governments concerned.

The statement issued by the Foreign Office today, following the adverse vote in the French Assembly on the ratification of the Paris treaties, stated: "The Paris treaties are still under discussion in the Chamber and there is to be a further vote on Monday. It is clear that what is at stake is the unity of the Western Allies."

"The rejection of the Paris agreements would not mean that German rearmament would not take place," the Foreign Office statement continued.

The issue is not whether the German Federal Republic will return, but how.

### ON AGREEMENT

"The United Kingdom commitment offered at the London conference to maintain British forces on the Continent of Europe depends on the ratification of the Paris agreements by all parties," the statement concluded.

Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, was in conference at the Foreign Office today with senior advisers for several hours on the situation, following the French National Assembly's initial vote against the rearmament of West Germany early today.

M. Pierre Mendes-France's Government will face a critical confidence vote on Monday.

Sir Anthony Eden is understood to have received an analysis of the situation from Sir Gladwyn Jebb, British Ambassador to France.

The British Foreign Secretary postponed his departure to his country cottage in Wiltshire for the Christmas holidays this morning to work at the Foreign Office after he had learned of the French National Assembly's vote.

He finally left for Wiltshire this evening.

At the London nine-power conference on West Germany rearmament in September, Britain offered to keep four and a half divisions and a tactical air force on the European Continent until the turn of the century, provided the agreements reached were ratified by all.

### NEW AGREEMENT

This conference and the subsequent Paris meeting of foreign ministers decided to set up the new Western European Union—

Britain, France, the Benelux countries, Italy and Western Germany.

Under the Paris agreements, a reunited West Germany is also to be admitted to the Atlantic Pact.

In the meantime Premier Pierre Mendes-France was working desperately behind the scenes against time and a tide of anti-German rearmament sentiment in the French National Assembly which could wreck the West European Union and isolate France from her dismayed and angered allies.

The Premier has called for a show-down confidence vote on Monday afternoon and most political observers believed that the reluctant Assembly would reverse its early Friday morning action and approve German rearmament and entry into NATO.

But the outcome was by no means certain. Western reaction to the Assembly's preliminary rejection of German rearmament hit France a sobering Christmas blow apparent even to the man in the street in the black headlines of the French Press.

Most non-Communist newspapers urged the Deputies to "live up to the responsibilities" and approve the accords which would put 500,000 West Germans into uniform on the second go-round.

The Communists were launching a determined drive to prevent the Deputies from back-tracking.

### REDS JUBILANT

From Moscow to the smallest Party cells in France, the Reds mounted their jubilant campaign to bury West European Union in the National Assembly just as the European Defence Community was buried there.

They called for countryside demonstrations and a wave of

delegations to descend upon the Deputies on Monday when they return from their Christmas recess at home.

"Christmas Eve was more beautiful, more joyful," declared the Red organ L'Humanite triumphantly.

Even while rightly protesting by the occasion of their Deputies being home for the holidays, they (the people) are already preparing delegations everywhere, larger and more numerous than ever, which will present themselves from Monday onwards at the Palais Bourbon (Assembly) to consolidate and enlarge the first point marked in the final victory.

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (CGT), France's largest, called on its members to begin organising "various actions" on the job on Monday morning against the Paris pacts.

In Moscow, the Government newspaper Izvestia said that M. Mendes-France would spend his time until Monday "black-malling" reluctant Deputies, and both Izvestia and the Communist party newspaper Pravda accused the United States and Britain of exercising "flagrant pressure" on France to approve the accords.

### ANGRY REACTION

Angry reaction against the Assembly's rejection came from Washington, London, Bonn and Rome.

Rome newspapers seriously considered a situation in which Western policy would go forward without France, and the Gironde D'Italia said that on Monday "we will know" whether the French "can succeed in overcoming their complexes of inferiority and fear, or whether they prefer the isolation of their country, with all the grave and serious dangers which would accompany such a position."

In their surprise vote on Friday, the French Deputies approved articles covering the agreement with Germany over the industrial disputed Saar territory and restoration of German sovereignty.

But in their rejection of West European Union, they knocked out the core of the whole West European defence plan.

### U.S. REACTION

American State Department officials today endorsed Britain's warning to the French National Assembly that their rejection of the Paris agreements would not prevent German rearmament.

Questioned regarding the official statement issued by the Foreign Office on the Assembly's vote against German rearmament, officials said that the United States' attitude was precisely the same as Britain's.

It has been made clear here in the past that the United States pledge to retain the forces in a forward position in Europe are like those of Britain, conditional upon ratification of the Paris agreements rearming Germany within the North Atlantic system.

If the French National Assembly finally rejects this part of the Paris agreements the United States is committed to make an agonising reappraisal of its policies towards France and Europe.

One of the proposals which will then come up for consideration will be the rearmament of Germany through a bilateral military agreement between the United States and Germany, rather than United States



With the recent birth of their son Alain—the 24th child—M. and Mme Marcel Devaud, pictured with 14 of their children now have the biggest family in France. Marcel is a 47-year-old lorry driver and his wife is 44 and they hope to have still more children. The record includes no twins—no triplets—but an even steady one a year since the couple were married in 1928—almost. Twenty-two of the children are still living. Feeding and clothing the children provides little problem for father earns 25,000 francs (about £25) a month and the Government provides 82,770 francs a month (about £83)—a figure that will be raised now that the new baby has arrived. The family live in a farmhouse inherited by the Devauds in a small village of Epaves, north of Bordeaux.—Express Photo.

### Mine Disaster

Mets, Dec. 24.  
A mine disaster near here last night has taken a toll of seven dead and two injured, it was announced today.

Rescue workers toiled during the night extricating the bodies of the dead and injured after a violent explosion had buried several miners deep underground in the Simone III pit. —France-Press.

## THAILAND SHORT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Bangkok, Dec. 26.  
Thailand is experiencing an acute shortage of foreign exchange and of baht—the local currency—according to banking circles.

Foreign exchange was so short that some banks were being limited to about £500 and 600 U.S. dollars per day by the Bank of Thailand at the official rate of exchange.

The shortage of baht was even more acute and this has forced some banks to sell their small supplies of foreign exchange in order to obtain the local currency.

Most observers here considered that the only way for Thailand to solve this problem was to reduce the price of rice in order to boost export sales in the hope of bringing in more foreign exchange.—China Mail Special.

### ELEVEN KILLED

Johannesburg, Dec. 25.  
Eleven people were killed in a collision between two lorries on the Pretoriusfontein-Johannesburg Road last night.—Reuter.

## Two-party system call in Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Dec. 25.

The call during Marshal Tito's absence in India by the deposed Communist leader, Mr. Milovan Djilas, for a two-party system in Yugoslavia may provoke a new crisis in the Yugoslav Communist Party in the opinion of foreign observers here.

Mr. Djilas, who after one year's silence urged in a statement to an American newspaper the establishment of a "democratic Socialist" political formation, was in the unusual position in a Communist country of being purged and yet able to try to stage a resurrection on the political scene.

Since being expelled from the Party executive last January for deviation, he has been living quietly in Belgrade.

### LONG ECLIPSE OF THE SUN

Manila, Dec. 26.  
The longest total eclipse for the past 500 years and the next 150 years will take place at noon on June 30, next year, plunging many parts of the earth into seven solid minutes of darkness.

President Tito made now decide whether to stop Mr. Djilas from speaking.

## SEVERE STORMS LASH THE CONTINENT

London, Dec. 24.

The storms which spread destruction across Western Europe yesterday died down today, ending the danger to North Sea coast dykes but left a toll of 100 people dead or missing on land and sea.

In Holland, where hundreds of people were evacuated from low lying areas in face of the flood threat, an army of dyke workers repaired damaged sea walls.

Four ships with more than 70 people on board were still missing in the North Sea tonight. They were the 1,326-ton Henri Deweerdt of Belgium, the Swedish ship Petra (1,371 tons), the Gerda Toft, 2,925 tons of Denmark, and the German motor vessel Fried Marichen.

The death toll on land included four people in France, two in Holland, one in Belgium, 21 in Germany—including a little girl electrocuted by a broken high tension power wire—and two sailors swept overboard from an Italian liner near Leghorn.

Reuter reports from many centres were:

**HEAVY SNOW**  
Paris: Heavy snow falling in Savoy for 48 hours has cut off isolated villages.

The fierce mistral wind from the Mediterranean, which caused four deaths in Southern France yesterday, was dying today.

Frankfurt: Gusts of wind still endanger bombed ruins in Hesse and Bavaria. Most of the 21 killed in the storms were buried by collapsing ruins or struck by flying tiles.

Vienna: Many mountain roads were blocked by 30-foot snow-drifts or by avalanches caused by the storms. Thirty people were injured.

Berne: Avalanches today isolated several Alpine hamlets and blocked a number of roads.

### NEW YORK DEATHS

New York, Dec. 25.  
Ten children under nine years old were killed in one house last night in Parkin, Arkansas, when a stove exploded.

Another person also died in the explosion.

America's Christmas death toll rose steadily today to 146 by mid-day.

From dusk last night 116 people died in traffic mishaps, 22 in fires and eight in other accidents.

Last Christmas holiday, which covered a 78-hour period, accidents took 717 lives including 385 in traffic accidents.—Reuter.

## SIX PLANES DOWN

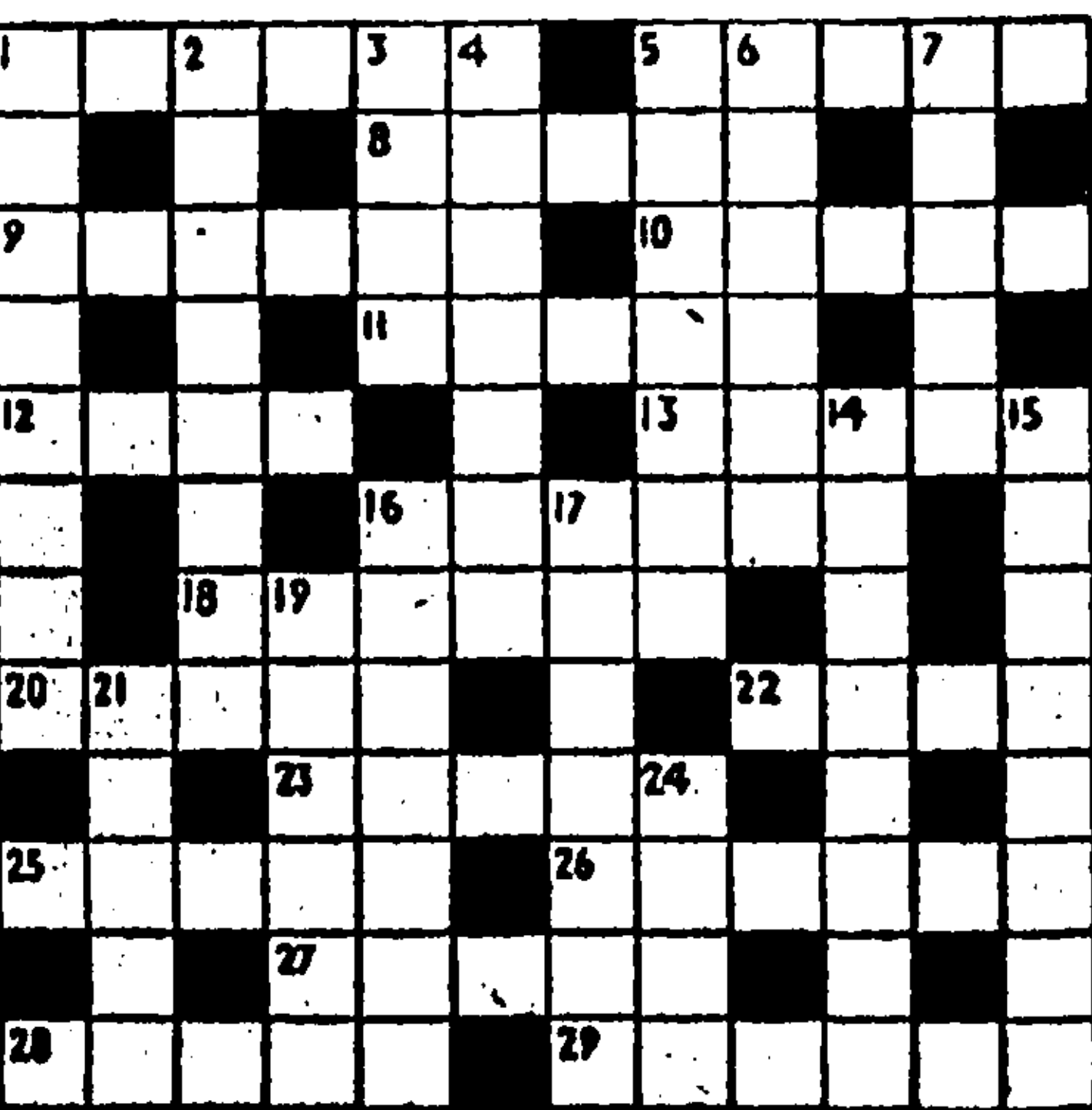
London, Dec. 24.  
Six Royal Air Force jet pilots were rescued early today from the Iraq desert after their Venom fighter planes, ran into a freak storm on an operation training flight, an Air Ministry announcement said today.

Four pilots bailed out and two made forced landings within eight miles of Baghdad. The six men were uninjured.

The announcement said it was believed the Venoms were caught in an unexpected sandstorm and ran out of fuel before they could return to base.

The planes were based at Habbaniya, Royal Air Force station, 60 miles from Baghdad.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Feverish (6).
- 5 Conceals (5).
- 8 Punctuation mark (5).
- 9 Small horses (6).
- 10 County (5).
- 11 Condition (5).
- 12 Vegetable (4).
- 13 Rub out (5).
- 16 Diverted (6).
- 18 Accent (6).
- 20 Precipitous (5).
- 22 Transparent mineral (4).
- 23 Prophet (5).
- 25 Agreement (5).
- 26 Powerful (5).
- 27 Anaesthetic (5).
- 28 Repulse (5).
- 29 One who owes money (5).

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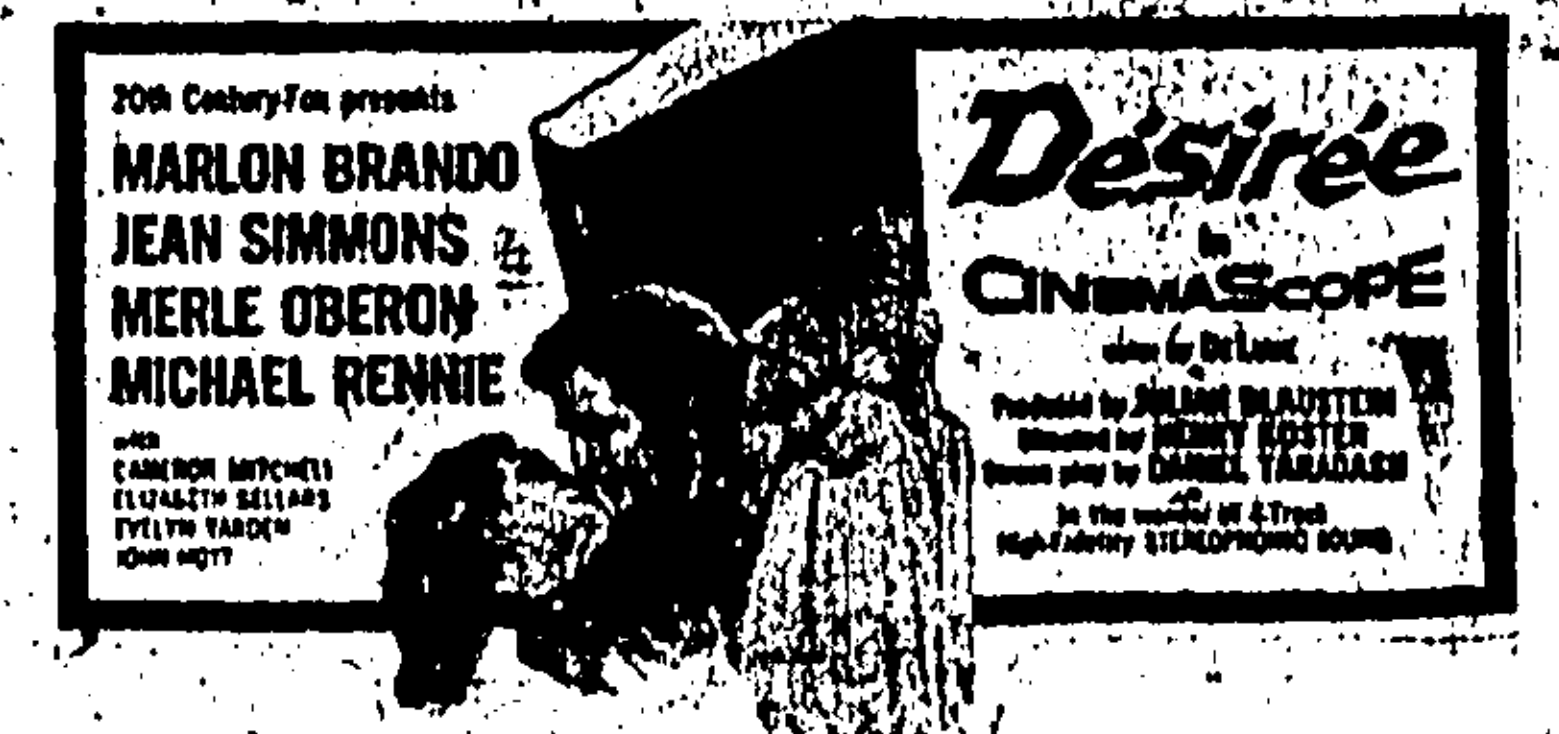
- 2 Desperate (5).
- 3 Talk (5).
- 4 Cold confections (4).
- 6 Girth (7).
- 7 Entertaining lady (7).
- 8 Exist in (5).
- 9 Noblemen (5).
- 14 Nearby (5).
- 15 Person appointed to carry out provisions of a will (5).
- 16 Slope (7).
- 17 Took without right (7).
- 19 Tired out (5).
- 21 Lift (5).
- 24 Painful (4).

**FRIDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Gambol, 7 Riot, 9 Tiers, 10 Girth, 11 Ease, 12 Disentangling, 13 Year, 14 Visa, 15 Inimicable, 22 Soap, 24 Agent, 25 Crow, 26 Hood, 27 Recluse, 28 Down, 29 Amies, 3 Bravo, 4 Legato, 5 Oriental, 6 Foe, 8 Image, 12 Bore, 13 Dives, 14 Stumped, 17 Starg, 18 Master, 20 Uncle, 21 Abate, 23 Tail.

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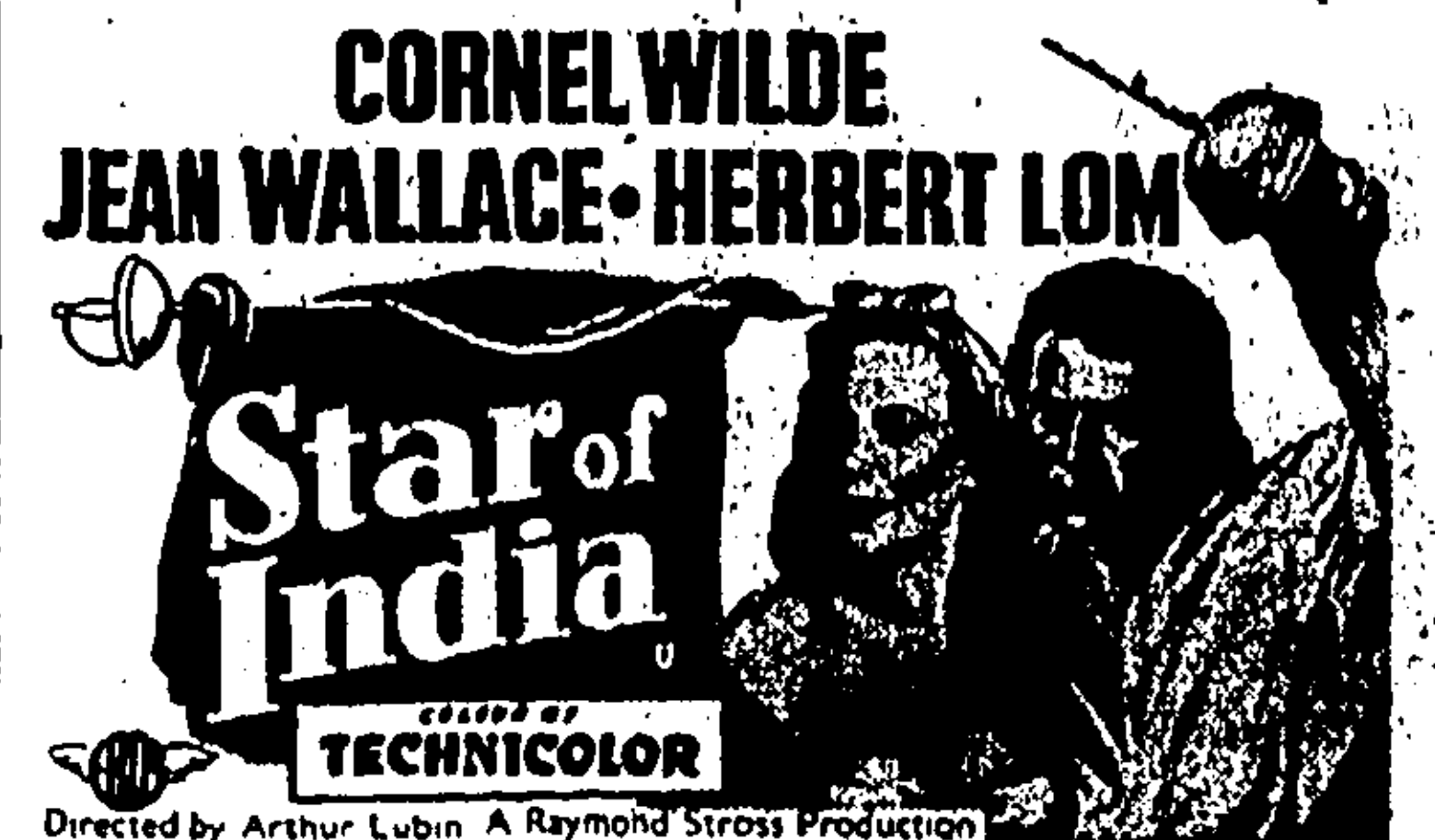


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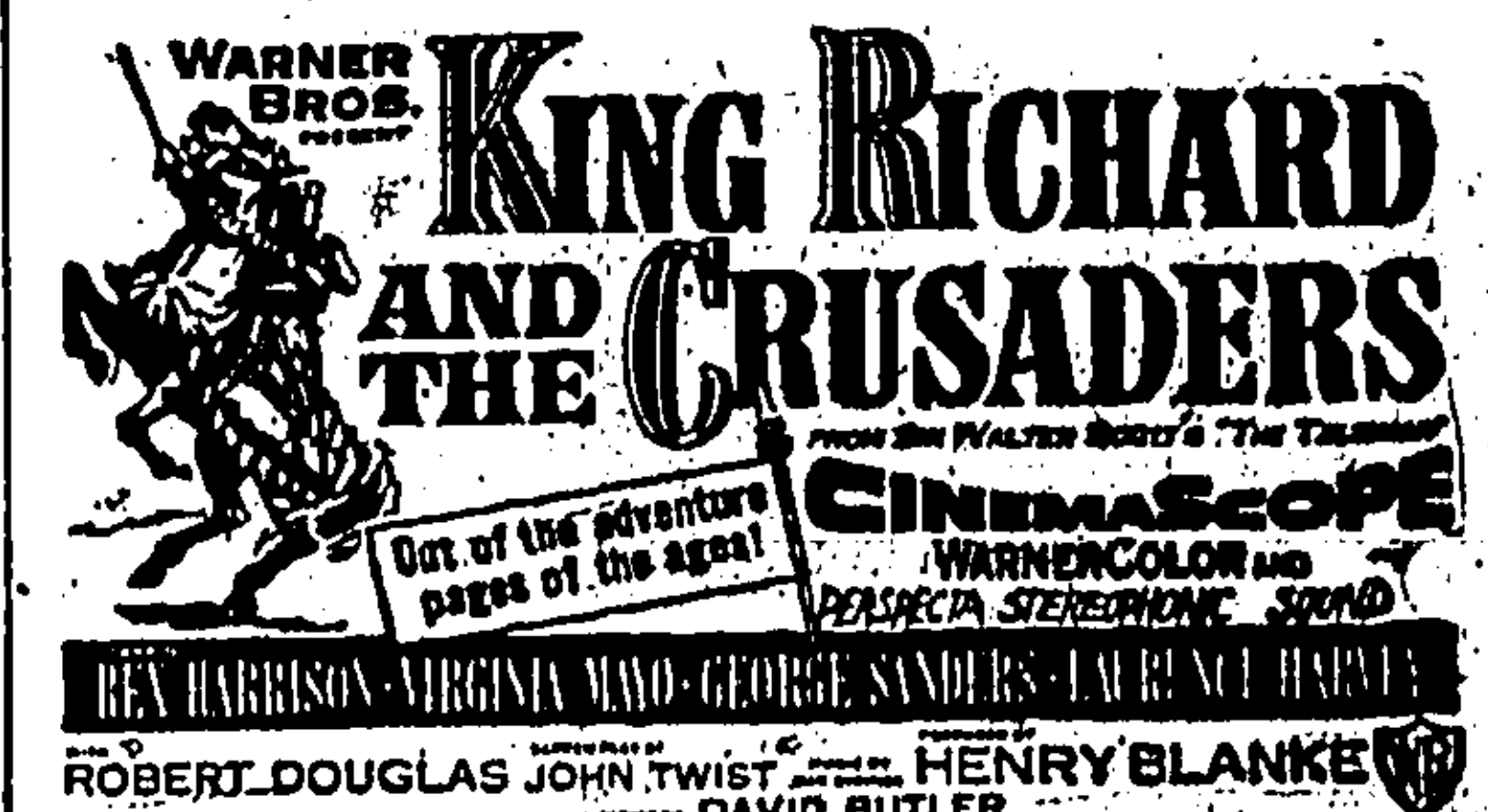


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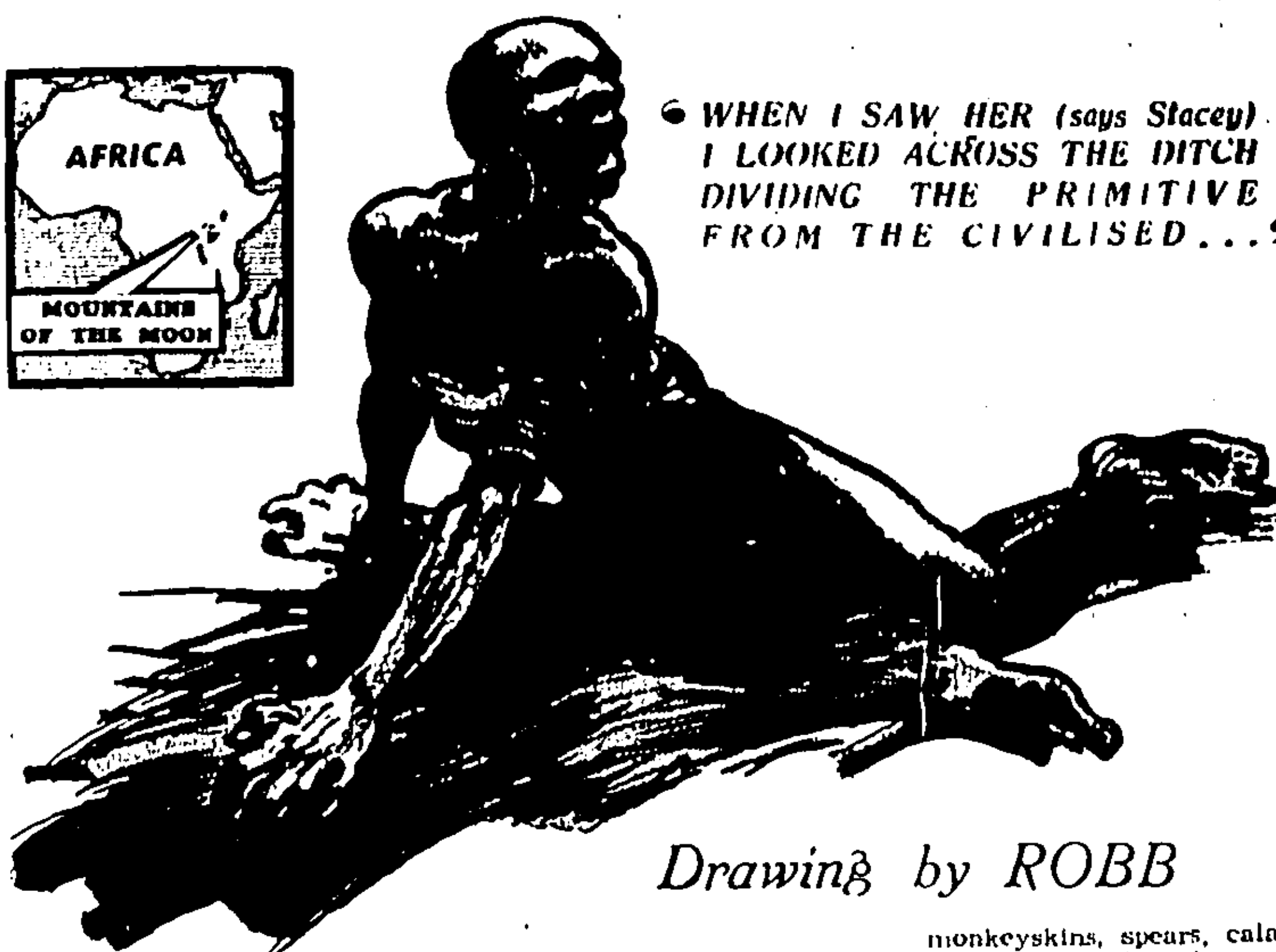
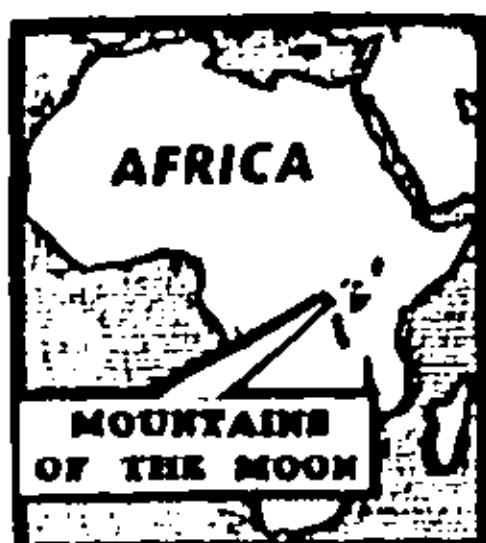
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# JUNGLE WOMAN

This is MUSOKI—a wife bought for nine goats in the far-away Mountains of the Moon



• WHEN I SAW HER (says Stacey) I LOOKED ACROSS THE DITCH DIVIDING THE PRIMITIVE FROM THE CIVILISED...

Drawing by ROBB

by TOM STACEY  
Old Etonian turned Explorer in Africa

IT was fair breking my heart to watch that crippled old woman so very slowly mounting the hill. On her back a bundle of firewood, approximately as heavy as herself. I could see her muscles shivering, and her exhausted eyes.

I was chatting and taking photographs among a group of Bakonjo tribesmen in Kiboko village compound on the slopes of Ruwenzori, the snow-capped 'Mountains of the Moon' overlooking the Ituri jungle. One among us, Chief Khavairu with his upturned beard, was the woman's husband.

Just then the old woman fell and rolled over with a small cry. She remained panting on the ground. Then she began to get to her feet, without immediate success. No one moved. No one said anything. I lowered my camera—hating she might

think this melancholy moment was being recorded.

It was all I could do. Had I gone to help her, she would have scuttled away in fear. Had I ordered one of the men to help her, he would have obeyed reluctantly, thinking me unmanly, aggravated at my interference against his authority.

## WIDE DITCH

"She's lame," said Khavairu, seeing my shock. But he was not excusing himself for not helping her; he was apologising for his wife's ungainly performance. And once again it struck me that this attitude of the undeveloped Africans to their women is one of the widest and most distant ditches dividing primitive from civilised.

My friend Khavairu and his Bakonjo family tell the tale well—they are pretty typical. I spent close on a fortnight in Khavairu's hut, with his pots,

monkeyskins, spears, calabashes, drums, cockroaches, rats, chicken, sheep, goats, and children.

As a rich man, owning some 30 sheep and goats, and two or three cultivated patches, Khavairu has been able to afford five wives so far.

Officially an Anglican Christian, he is an ardent believer in Jesus Christ and about 40 pagan spirits.

The reason he has got so many wives (and will get more) is because they all work for him like billy-o, and usually bear him children who from four years will work like billy-o too.

When he wants to marry again he approaches the girl's papa, and starts bargaining. Additional wives cost around five goats (cheque made out to Papa).

Musoki—it was she who had fallen down—was Khavairu's first wife, costing nine goats and a black sheep. (When I was speaking to her secretly later, and learning things, I noticed how there seemed to be nothing in her face: neither sweetness nor sadness, nor love nor bitterness.)

## EXPRESSIONLESS

Musoki had been a strong, obedient girl, known for her digging proficiency. Not pretty. Beauty is not much considered and anyway she did not meet Khavairu until after the parents had arranged the marriage for the following month. But in those days she was not yet lame.

She married at 13 or 14. She began having children straight away. She continued to have them until she was no longer able. Just less than one third of her children born alive reached adolescence.

I said she was old now. She is 40. But she looks 60. And she was glad when Khavairu married number two—a young and prettier lass. The new girl helped out a lot on the millet and maize plots, lent a strong young hand to wood-collecting and cooking.

When the other wives fell in some of them wives of Khavairu's dead brothers and relatives, the chores eased. But that was when the pain began in Musoki's leg and when Khavairu began to neglect her, even though by custom he should have shared his time among his wives.

## PART OF LIFE

Musoki still counted herself luckier than some. Luckier, for example, than the young woman on the next hill—who was named a witch by Kamabu, the local medicine man, when she became the mother of twins.

This woman was dismissed by her husband. Cut off—for ever—from her year-old babes, she made herself a mean, bamboo-fibre shelter in the forest, not knowing the man's craft of hut building. I saw her there, her mother's eyes turned savage.

As for Musoki, she has her tobs. Food, smoky shelter, goat-skins for clothes. Her beads and her bangles. Her young son, little wife, who sometimes comes up for a word of advice from old Ma Musoki.

And the pain.

That is part of life, like the sudden fog which comes down off the snow peaks and smother the 50-mile view. Like the 10 miles she will never cover to the dispensary.

Yes, like life... in the Mountains of the Moon.



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(London Express Service).

## SUCCESS STORIES of 1954

TRUMPETER Eddie Calvert, the shoemaker's son, put his record of Oh Mein Papa ("world sales approaching 3,000,000," he murmured) on the radiogram and fumbled with the starter-buttons. But for once the 18ct. gold-plated trumpet was silent.

His mouth—insured for £10,000—fell open. He muttered apologies. "All these buttons. Never know how the dratted thing works. It's new, you see," says Eddie. You are immediately on first-name terms with him.

Everything in the 1954 Calvert household is brand new. Eddie Calvert and his wife are living in a handsome newly-built £7,000 house in a new suburb of new houses in Paddington. It is furnished entirely in contemporary style; surrealistic lampshades, off-white carpets, yellow and grey striped settees and arm-chairs.

In the garage stand two cars. The Calverts have one each. The Jaguar is Eddie's; the Austin belongs to his wife Josephine.

Two diamond rings sparkle on Mrs Calvert's fingers. Eddie tells you that the bigger diamond is 3½ct. It is a belated engagement ring; they were married 10 years ago.

Eddie's suit cost £52 10s. But it is looking rather crumpled—he is not one for sartorial elegance.

"I'm like Churchill," he tells you. "I'd much rather wear a siren suit all the time."

But today Eddie Calvert is in the big money. He feels obliged to spend on an appropriate scale.

## In Japan too

This year, sales of his record of Oh Mein Papa climbed past the million mark—earning him a Gold Disc, the Oscar of the recording artists. The three million figure is being reached with sales in such unlikely places as Thailand, Burma, Alaska and Japan.

B.P.—Before Papa—no record of his sold more than 30,000 copies.

Excitedly, Eddie begins to reel off the statistics of his success. "I'm making more than £1,000 a week," he says. "It's a lot of money, sure. But I could make more. In America I was offered 10,000 dollars (about £3,500) for a three-minute TV appearance but the Musicians' Union wouldn't let me take it."

"Why should I work a whole week to make £1,000? If I can make that much in two days in the States!"

There have been 38 recordings of Papa ("22 of them imitations of mine"). Only one, Eddie says, has approached the million sales figure.

This fabulous success of the Calvert recording centre national explanation. But Eddie has an explanation. "I realised that I was a bit of a failure."

As Eddie talks, a soft smile comes over his face. He looks a bit of a failure.

## THIS is how to blow your own trumpet!



MR. and MRS. EDDIE CALVERT.

"First," he says, "there had never been a father song. I filled a need. Then the semi-religious noise I make sounds very much like a Salvation Army band on a Sunday morning."

"Lastly, I don't understand German."

I did not quite see how lack of German contributed to his success.

## Strictly corny

He explained further: "Well, you see, if I understood the German words I would have realised that Oh Mein Papa was a gay song about a circus clown. And I would have played it gay. Instead I played it melancholy. And so it became an all-time hit."

"Let's face it. I'm strictly corny." But so? "It's what they like."

His latest record, Midnight, is approaching half-million sales. "Not bad," he says. "What do I mean not bad? It's damned good. I'm getting blasé. Papa has taken the thrill out of things for me. You can only be knighted once. Will I ever do better than Papa? I shouldn't think so—but I'm improving."

As Eddie talks, a soft smile comes over his face. He looks a bit of a failure.

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my royalties and interests. But I still got ambitions."

His interests include a music publishing company and a company that puts on touring shows. His ambitions include a six-month holiday in the Bahamas, a world tour, owning a helicopter and a cabin-cruiser.

They do not include any new achievements with his trumpet. "I've done pretty well everything you can do with a trumpet."

His wife, Josephine, says: "It's funny, Eddie. You been playing this way all the time. You don't play any different now from what you did 10 years ago. But now they pay you thousands of pounds. At one time they wouldn't even listen to you."

At one time . . . at one time he was earning £20 a week in a dance band and sharing a single room without any window panes with two other musicians.

He owned a lounge suit and a dress suit—"Off the peg for £4, 10s."—and a toothbrush and a safety razor. Not much else.

## It's horrible

He met his wife, a cashier at a West End cinema, when she came to the restaurant at which he was playing. He bought her a drink; and was fired for fraternising with the customers.

They ran into each other again later, and he said to her: "You'd better let me take you to dinner. I lost my job because of you."

Now in this, for him, Golden Year of 1954, he has earned the unusual distinction of having a film based on his colourful career.

An Arthur Rank script-writer almost lived with the Calverts for eight weeks.

"They say it's not my story," Eddie remarks indignantly. "Both. Look, I'll show you. There are bits in this script which are word for word out of my life."

He showed me the script. It was full of pencil marks. The marked passages were the ones to which he had taken exception.

"This trumpet," says Eddie, "they've made me into a horrible man. They'll have to change it. They can't associate my name with that sort of thing."

## The STAR builder rations MARILYN

By DAVID LEWIN

London. DARRYL F. (for Francis) ZANUCK, £150,000-a-year Hollywood film-maker in London for the first time in five years, talked frankly about the stars, his employes.

Zanuck, a wiry 51, paced up and down in his hotel suite and talked fluently about what makes a star:—

"The stars must have glamour. It is no use presenting them as being like the girl next door or the boy at the petrol pump. If people wanted that they would go next door—or to the nearest garage."

## Flop = Success

ON that basis who, in the opinion of star-maker Zanuck, are the true stars of today?

He ticked them off: "Marilyn Monroe, Ava Gardner, Gregory Peck, and John Wayne—and still Rita Hayworth. Her last film, 'Miss Sadie Thompson,' may have been a flop—but it was a successful flop."

"And there are artists who are stars in their special fields: James Stewart, Gary Cooper, and Esther Williams. Those are the names I think of first."

Zanuck (home town: Wahoo, Nebraska) makes 15 Cinemascope films a year and spends \$8,000,000 as chief of production at 20th Century-Fox and the company's vice-president. He got down to cases.

MONROE: "We've got to make sure people don't get fed up with seeing her. There has been so much talk about Marilyn Monroe now there is a danger that the woman at home will say, 'All right—she makes men excited. Enough of her.' In future she'll make only two films a year and there won't be so many photographs of her sent around."

RICHARD BURTON: "I put him among the three finest actors in the world."

"But that doesn't automatically make him a star—although 'The Robe,' his first big starring picture, was among the biggest box-office money-makers of all time (£13,000,000 gross). Burton has acted all his parts so far—but what about his personality? No opportunity to show it yet."

"I think that he—like Laurence Olivier years ago—will have a stuttering start and creep up on people slowly."

## Purdum = Luck

EDMUND PURDUM, the actor from England who became a big name player in "The Egyptian," who is the luckiest human being ever to have lived in films. But "The Egyptian" was beyond his powers. It should have come later when he had landed more experience.

"I gave him the part after Marlon Brando would not play it. It was written for a Brando—as a wild, crazy man. Purdum was rather a dull Englishman with a handsome face. Nothing crazy about him."

"Purdum has a tough road ahead before he is as good as he is handsome."

During the few days he is in London Zanuck will be talking with British film producers about Cinemascope, which he pioneered.

Said Zanuck: "Cinemascope isn't magic. It can't make a bad film good—but it can make a bad film look better. And it does make a great picture greater."

## POCKET CARTOON

By OSBERT LANCASTER



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The Fifth Race will be run at 1:30 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10:30 a.m. on both days.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, and member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of 16 years. Western Standard.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

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MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

### SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

### CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$18.00 each per day, and \$30.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices during normal office hours until 10:30 a.m. on the first day.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

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Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, 24th December, 1954, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

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The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Almeida Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 10:30 a.m. on both days of the Meeting.

### SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 22nd January, 1955, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

### TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,

H. MIBA,

Secretary.

## ST. JOSEPH'S 1, SOUTH CHINA 2

# LITTLE EVIDENCE OF SEASONAL GOODWILL ABOUT THIS GAME

By I. M. MacTAVISH

There was little evidence of seasonal goodwill about this Christmas Day game... in fact it was a most undesirable and untimely demonstration of soccer desperation. This big game was marred by the simple fact that some of the players were not nearly as big as the occasion, and I believe that it will stand to the credit of the near capacity crowd that the afternoon passed off without major incident beyond the touch line.

For this manner of things St. Joseph's and Referee Lomax must accept the major part of the blame. The Saints looked the better set of ball players but time and again, both in defence and attack, they left us wondering why they should pre-judice all their promise by senseless and profitless tactics that often incurred awards against them, and of course raised the wrath of the spectators to a high pitch.

Without a word of warning or caution, the Saints were probably unsettled by a very soft award of a penalty-kick against them in the opening minutes and from which Lee Yuk-tak put South China in the lead.

The decision was made when goalkeeper Mantelinas dived to cut out a cross ball and was adjudged to have fouled an attacker although it looked very much as though Mantelinas was definitely trying to get to the ball.

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### AGAIN DOUBTFUL

Play was generally even after that and if the Saints lively front rank had played their natural game, and if their half-backs had concentrated in getting the ball forward to them, I believe they would have won the game in their favour. Instead with the interval fast approaching they found themselves another goal down... and again it came from a very doubtful penalty award.

No one was to be blamed for the goal scored when suddenly he seemed to stumble forward and kick the ball down in a heap. There is no doubt that it was a foul but I saw the whole thing clearly and I am as convinced as were the spectators in the vicinity that it happened a yard outside the 18 yards line. Lee Yuk-tak again rammed the ball into the net.

The second half was played at a fast pace with Saints likely to score but when they did it was from still another penalty kick.

Ching-ming was among the prominent features of this second half and Ho Cheung-yau had a miss-in-a-million even after beating goalkeeper Mantelinas, while at the other end St. Joseph's returned the compliment with interest.

South China's ten men, with Yiu Cheuk-yin at right-half in place of the injured Lok Tak-hai, played desperately to keep their lead and that they did was due to the biggest slice of luck they will enjoy in years.

With only seconds of the game still to go, Augusto Rocha carved his way through the defence only to have the mortifying experience of seeing his well-placed shot come back into play off the bottom of the post.

It would be unfair to pass comment on many of the players for they were often much more worried about the prospect of injury than putting in the injury time to advantage and this resulted in a lot of poor passing.

ADMISSIBLE RESTRAINT. South China restrained themselves admirably and apart from one flying tackle by Lok Tak-hai on Augusto Rocha which might have had serious consequences, they refused to be pulled into a general fracas.

St. Joseph's must give serious thought to this game. It is useless bringing an all-star side into the League competition unless they are going to play football first, last and all the time... if it is going to be a case of victory-at-any-cost... then what price-glory... is eventually going to be expensive.

VERDICT: In far too many cases the verdict is "Guilty". Club officials are responsible for the conduct of their players even if the referee is so lenient that he turns Nelson's eye to what, off the pitch, would be assault and battery.

The teams: St. Joseph's: Mantelinas; Nash, Hahn; Toledo, Cunha, Cunha, Xavier, Paulo, Rocha, Rocha, Cotrim.

South China: Pau King-yin; Lau Chi-ling; Lau Yee; Lok Tak-hai; Ko Po-keung; Tong Shoung; Chu Wing-wah; Ho Cheung-yau; Lee Yuk-tak; Yiu Cheuk-yin; Mok Chun-wah.

### KITCHEE 2, ARMY 1

This game, played before a big crowd at Caroline Hill yesterday, did a lot to remove the memory of the unpleasantities of the day before.

It was played at a fast pace from first to last and, apart from three miss-goals to keep spectators on edge, there were three goals in the goal-mouth, there were near misses, some excellent goalkeeping at both ends... and above all some competent and thoughtful refereeing by Mr. Stanley.

Kitchee consolidated their position at the top of the table

but they had to fight every inch of the way for their precious points. For their success they have to thank a grand middle line where Chan Fai-hung was right back to his top form and where Kwok Shek gave one of his best displays of the season.

For the Army this was another case of what might have been. They played some delightful open football. They moved that ball about with accuracy, but time and time again their attacks fizzled out in the hard-tackling Kitchee rear lines.

Play started brightly enough with the soldiers on the attack from the word "Go". Kitchee were nearly a goal down after only a couple of minutes' play, but instead they went into the lead.

Carrying the ball forward in a man-to-man movement they pulled Hewitt out of position and when the ball went through to Lee Hung-lee he took a couple of steps and flashed it into the net.

After that it was cut-and-thrust all the way. Kitchee hit the Army crossbar, the Army had Cheung Koon-hing hopping about to grapple with several dangerous balls; but the interval came with the score unchanged.

### LEVEL AGAIN

Army started the second half as Kitchee had started the first, and after a fast Kitchee and the ball returned to the other end, Morris ran on to a brilliant through pass from Riley and the soldiers were back on level terms.

Still following the Kitchee pattern, Riley saw a fast shot scrape the crossbar, while a 20-yard drive from Middleton hit the woodwork and was cleared upfield by Louis C. Ping.

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## MOSS SIGNS CONTRACT



Famous British racing car driver Stirling Moss signs the contract to drive German Mercedes-Benz racing cars, watched by Gerry Ames, PRO Representative of Mercedes in England. The contract is reported to be worth about £20,000 to Moss who will still be able to drive other cars when not driving the German car.—Express Photo.

# Australians Slight Favourites To Retain The Davis Cup

Sydney, Dec. 25.

The draw for the Davis Cup Challenge Round here from December 27 to 29 was announced today as:

First day: Lewis Hoad (Australia) versus Tony Trabert (U.S.); Ken Rosewall (Australia) versus Vic Seixas (U.S.).

Third day: Rosewall versus Trabert; Hoad versus Seixas.

The draw for the second day's Doubles match is pending selection of the Australian pair to meet Trabert and Seixas.

About 3,000 fans saw the draw on the White City Centre Court made by Mr. Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, and Mr. Amos Peaslee, the United States Ambassador.

Australia, the Cup holders, and the United States have contested this final stage of the competition every year since 1928 (there was no competition between 1940 and 1945).

Australia have held the trophy since 1950.

The United States were beaten by three matches to two last year. In the Singles, Hoad beat Seixas and Trabert, Rosewall beat Seixas but lost to Trabert.

ALL ARE CONFIDENT

What little betting is detectable on the outcome of next week's Davis Cup challenge round (December 27, 28 and 29) makes Australia slight favourites to beat the United States.

Both captains are confident and Bill Trabert is sticking to his forecast of a 5-0 win for the United States.

Harry Hopman has lost none of his faith in the Australians.

"Our boys are at it and just waiting for the going," said Trabert. "The Australians are fit, too, so there will be no excuses after the Challenge Round," said Hopman.

Jack Kramer, the American professional, has been giving Vic Seixas special practice on Ken Rosewall's technique and Trabert said he is confident that Seixas can turn the tables on Rosewall in spite of the fact that the Sydney youngster is at his peak.

In last year's challenge round Rosewall beat Seixas in the

deciding Singles to retain the trophy for Australia.—Reuter.

### IMPRESSIVE WORKOUTS

America's Davis Cup players raced through impressive workouts today under Australia's hot summer sun and Billy Talbert, the team's confident captain, again predicted his 1955 triumph.

Round next week and spend Christmas Eve in the States in 1955.

Talbert was in a happy holiday mood after Vic Seixas zipped through a singles drill against American professional Jack Kramer and then teamed with Tony Trabert in a doubles against Ham Richardson and Australia's Danny Falls.

The Challenge Round is played in the host country and the United States will be making its fourth straight bid to regain the big silver trophy from Australia next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Seeing this is the last year the boys will be in Australia for some time, I must say we have enjoyed the warm weather and festivities," Talbert said with a smile. "But all our players agree next year's White Christmas will be a welcome change."

"America is ready. We'll taper off the next two days. Our boys are right at peak form."

Seixas, the United States Singles Champion from Philadelphia, who was the weak link on the American team last year, bolstered Talbert's confidence by making a strong showing against Kramer. Vic's hard, accurate hitting in the doubles brought repeated applause from the gallery of several hundred who watched the drill.—United Press.

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# High Standard In Christmas Day Rugger Matches

London, Dec. 25. Only five fixtures were arranged for the Christmas Day programme of Rugby Union matches in Britain, but the standard of play all round was very good.

All results were fairly close but only one tour team finished winners. They were the strong London Scottish side who beat the Academicals in Edinburgh by nine points to three.

The Exiles owed a great deal to their strong back division, particularly R. Heron, who dashed over for two tries. One of these came after a run of 50 yards and was the best individual effort of the match.

The other three games were played in Wales where another Scottish club, Watnoddians, earned the honours by holding Swansea to a 0-0 draw. Typical Scottish footrusters often worried the Swansea defence but they held out thanks to some excellent tackling.

Another team of Exiles, London Welsh, could not hold the pace at Neath, where the home club won 11-5.

Llanelli's opponents on the other hand were fully a match for them in fitness and the Welshmen only just beat the Universities Athletic Union by 11-8 after a fast, robust game.

THE RESULTS

Rugby Union

Llanelli 11, Universities Athletic Union 8.

Neath 11, London Welsh 5.

Swansea 0, Watnoddians 0.

Edinburgh Academicals 3, London Scottish 8.

Maestry 9, Aberavon 11.

Rugby League

Barrow 5, Workington Town 3.

Bradford Northern 9, Kelghley 18.

Castleford 10, Wakefield Trinity 8.

Doncaster 2, Hunslet 18.

Huddersfield 0, Halifax 15.

Hull 16, Hull Kingston Rovers 6.

Leeds 50, Batley 0.

Leigh 14, St. Helens 13.

Liverpool City 17, Bramley 7.

Oldham 8, Swinton 5.

Rochdale Hornets 12, Belle Vue Rangers 7.

Whitehaven 42, Blackpool Borough 0.

Widnes 0, Warrington 10.

Wigan 50, Salford 7.—Reuter.

Communism

China's Olympic Swimmer Dead

Tokyo, Dec. 25. Communist China today announced the death of its outstanding swimmer who had been slated for a berth on the Communist country's Olympic team competing at Melbourne next year.

Peking Radio said that Wu Chun-yu, who won gold medals in the 100 Metres Back Stroke event in two international Communist meets in 1952, died in an aeroplane accident en route to Hungary on October 20.

The Radio did not explain the reason for the delay in announcing his death.

He was a member of the Red Chinese Olympic team that got to Helsinki in 1952.

Communist China's Athletic Committee will hold a public memorial service for him soon, the broadcast said.

The Radio gave no other details of his record.—United Press.

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# Europeans Win H.K. Electric Annual Match

The Annual Boxing Day Cricket Match between the European Staff and Local Staff of the Hongkong Electric Company Ltd., was played at the Indian Recreation Club yesterday and resulted in a victory for the former by four wickets.

The local boys batted first and scored 177 runs for nine wickets declared and in reply the Europeans scored 197 for seven.



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## CHRISTMAS DAY SOCCER

# Wolves Crash At Home To Everton; Sunderland And Huddersfield Draw

London, Dec. 25.

An almost complete Soccer League programme for Christmas Day did not prove happy for some of the Football League's leading teams. Wolverhampton Wanderers, League Champions and present leaders in Division I, crashed at home to Everton and only retained top place on goal average because Sunderland missed a great chance of taking over.

Wolves had played in the morning so that Sunderland knew what was required of them but they could only draw at home with Huddersfield after being behind at half time and so kept second place on goal average to Wolves. The man behind Wolves' downfall was Davie Hickson, Everton's fair-haired centre-forward, who gave England's captain, Billy Wright, a hectic match.

Hickson opened the scoring and hit another goal seven minutes from time after the team had led 2-1. That second goal was a great effort as he out-witted Wright, held off a challenge by Stuart and coolly placed the ball into the net.

Sunderland had enough scoring chances in the second half to have thrashed Huddersfield but missed and so lost a chance of heading the League for the first time since early October.

The First Division London Derby saw Arsenal win a disappointing game against Chelsea by an only goal, scored in brilliant style by Tommy Lawton before half-time.

### CHARLTON MOVE UP

Charlton moved up to third place as a result of their comfortable win in which Eddie Firmani, their South African inside-left, scored a hat-trick. This was his third in the last five games and bottom of the table Sheffield Wednesday never looked like staying off defeat.

Blackburn Rovers regained the leadership of the Second Division mainly because Leeds United could only draw at home with Middlesbrough. Not until the

final minutes did Leeds score their equaliser.

Blackburn, away to Doncaster, took the lead in the first half and dominated play afterwards to gain the full points which put them level with Leeds but well ahead on goal average.

Ipswich linger at the foot of this table as a result of a crushing defeat from Liverpool. Scotland's international, Billy Liddell, scored four of Liverpool's six goals and helped towards the two others with grand passes.

By winning a hard fought game at home Bristol City returned to the head of Division III (Southern) but Leyton Orient who had led on goal average and now have two games in hand, were not engaged today and will have the chance on Monday to take over top place once more.

Colchester United, bottom of this section, could only draw, which left them worse off as the next three teams, Exeter, Crystal Palace and Walsall, all won.

In the Northern Section, Scunthorpe United won comfortably at Bradford City's ground and so kept one point

ahead of Hartlepool who, at home, had to battle hard to overcome Darlington. Harrogate, a local player making his debut, had given Bradford an early lead but Scunthorpe were soon in command and well deserved their success.

At the foot of this table Wrexham, beaten at Oldham, remain on their own as the bottom team as Crew Alexandra, with whom they had been level, won at Tranmere.

### WALSALL'S SEVENTH

One of the features of present day matches is the run of Walsall in the Southern Section of Division III. They had their seventh successive match without defeat today and, though only one place removed from the bottom of this League, they are playing so well that a pronounced rise is indicated after their very hard start to the season.

Best Christmas Day entertainment was provided in a Northern Section game of League III when Carlisle, at home, beat Rochdale by seven goals to two. Rochdale's defence virtually gave away three goals, another came from the penalty spot and it might have been a bigger score had a penalty not been missed in the closing seconds.

Scottish League games provided capital fare for the spectators and none more so than by the Edinburgh clubs, Hibernian and Hearts. Against the improving Rangers XI, Hibernian were soon two goals ahead but Rangers fought back to cut the arrears without being able to get on terms. But Hibernian supporters must have been relieved when the whistle sounded as Rangers were attacking hard.

A division of eight goals with Partick Thistle a valuable point, without improving their position. Rangers' defeat allowed Celtic, who drew, and St. Mirren, winners at home, to join them on point's four behind Aberdeen, who kept their lead with a 4-3 away win. But it was a near thing for Aberdeen as Stirling Albion, still looking for their first victory, were ahead at half-time by 2-1.

Airdrieonians are outstripping all rivals in the second Division of Scottish football and kept their five points lead with the first three teams in this section all winning by convincing margins.

### THE RESULTS

London, Dec. 25.  
Association Football results (Morning matches)

**Division I**

Arsenal 1 Chelsea 0  
Blackpool 2 Portsmouth 2  
Cardiff City 3 West Brom. 2  
Charlton 3 Wednesday 0  
Sheffield U. 1 Leicester 1  
Wolves 1 Everton 3  
Bolton W. 2 Spurs 2  
Burnley 1 Manchester C. 3  
Sunderland 1 Huddersfield 1

**Division II**

Birm'ham C. 0 Notts Forest 1  
Doncaster R. 1 Blackburn R. 3  
Fulham 3 Port Vale 0  
Liverpool 0 Ipswich 2  
Luton Town 1 Hull City 1  
Notts C. 2 Swinsea 2  
Plymouth 0 Lincoln 0  
Rotherham 3 Bury 0  
Stoke City 1 Derby 0  
West Ham 1 Middlesbrough 1  
Leeds U. 1 Middlesbrough 1

**Division III (Southern)**

Aldershot 2 Colchester 2  
Bournemouth 1 Watford 1  
Brentford 3 Millwall 1  
Coventry 1 Southampton 1  
Cr. Palace 1 Newport 0  
Q.P. Rangers 1 Northampton 0  
Southend 4 Norwich 1  
Torquay 1 Gillingham 1  
Walsall 4 Shrewsbury 0  
Wid. C. 2 Reading 1  
Wid. C. 2 Swindon 1

**Division III (Northern)**

Bradford C. 2 Scunthorpe 4  
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In a curtain-raiser the S.C.M. Post Night Staff beat the S.C.M. Post Day Staff at football, scoring the only goal.

The ferry Man Ping taking the 200 odd members of the

# S.C.M.P. Sports Association Visit To Cheung Chau

The South China Morning Post Sports Association's annual Boxing Day assault on Cheung Chau Island was made yesterday—with dire results as far as sports were concerned, but with unqualified success in everything else.

The weather was glorious, the food excellent and spirits were high.

At football the South China Morning Post lost to Cheung Chau by two goals to one, all scored in the second half. At basketball, after lunch, the S.C.M. Post team went down to Cheung Chau's Ngan Kwan Team by 51-32.

Mr. W. A. Grinham, Secretary and Acting Manager, declared at lunch that this was the first time in six years that Mr. Franklin had been absent from these annual outings.

Mr. Grinham welcomed those who were present for the first time and hoped they would be able to attend for many years to come. He thanked Dr. K. W. Khoo, of the Cheung Chau Hospital, for making the arrangements for the day's outing.

Mr. Kwong Yuen-on, Chairman of the S.C.M. Post Sports Association, proposed a toast to the Company. He said that on behalf of the Sports Association he wished to thank the Company for the most enjoyable outing.

The S.C.M. Post were hosts at the lunch to the Cheung Chau sportsmen, Dr. and Mrs. Khoo and the S.C.M. Post agent, Mr. Cheung Chung.

The S.C.M. Post Band was in attendance and played at all functions.

A good time, in short, was had by all.

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"LYCAON" ...	13th Jan.	14th Jan.
"CYCLOPS" ...	22nd Jan.	23rd Jan.
"LAOMEDON" ...	21st Jan.	23rd Jan.

Scheduled sailings from Europe

	Leaves	Sails	Arrives
G. "ANTIOCHUS" ...	do	do	1st Jan.
G. "ULYSSES" ...	do	do	2nd Jan.
G. "CYCLOPS" ...	do	do	4th Jan.
G. "LYCAON" ...	do	do	9th Jan.
G. "PYRRHUS" ...	do	Sailed	13th Jan.
G. "LAOMEDON" ...	do	do	16th Jan.
G. "CLYTONEUS" ...	do	do	20th Jan.
G. "ASTYANAX" ...	do	do	28th Jan.
G. "AENEAS" ...	3rd Jan.	do	7th Feb.

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# Christmas Service At The Cathedral

Thousands of local residents attended special Christmas services in various churches on Saturday morning.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, G.C.M.G., and Lady Grantham, attended Christmas Matins, at St John's Cathedral. The sermon was delivered by the Very Rev. F. S. Temple.

Services were also held at other Anglican churches on the Island and in Kowloon.

The service at the Cathedral, which was relayed over Radio Hongkong, was conducted by Dean Temple, assisted by the Very Rev. A. P. Rose, Canon Rose read the first lesson and the Governor read the second.

## DEAN'S SERMON

The Dean said: It is today that marks out the Christian religion as different from all other religions; others may have stories of the birth of a God as a child but they are all legend, in the realm of myth and fancy; others have great prophets and teachers who instruct men how to live but God remains aloof and not involved.

The life of Jesus is based on historical fact, unless you are not going to believe in any history, you must believe in the life of Jesus, and once you do that, you must face squarely two alternatives; as you read that life, as you listen to the claims that have been made about him throughout history and by men and women now, as being their

living Guide, Helper and Friend, you must either accept all he claims and strive about himself or reject him completely as false and someone whose teaching must be suppressed; no other great man made such claims as Jesus did; every other great man has been humble; either what Jesus said is true or else he is proud and deluded.

Last Sunday we saw He came as something new and simple, a new born babe; new, not a polishing up of something old; simple and clear, not a facade of excuse and self-justification. He came right into dirt, equal and neglect; in suffering and death, death of small children, Holy Innocent day; to face all that and redeem it; not to shun it and forget it for a few days.

## OBEEDIENCE

First God came to an obedient and single-minded heart; how obedient and single-minded is your heart? Since then Christ has how obedient have you been to God's simple and clear commands? How single-minded is your will and devotion to Christ? Or is your mind cluttered with much else, and God takes second place? An obedient heart he first needs.

Next He came to shepherds; ordinary working folk who had time to think. Next God comes to working hands; obedient heart and working hands. Do you follow out into action what your heart bids you do? Much of God's love and knowledge of himself is stilled at the start because we do not put into action what we know to be right and then the vision fades; and Christ moves on and we are further from Him than we were before; the Inbred Christian and Churchgoer is often more difficult to bring back than any other. And by our inaction we affect others too.

But thank God there are many here who do know just that; who during the past year have let God mould their hearts, and hands and minds as each week they renew their trust and commitment, that they have known a deep power and peace in their lives and so by their example helped others.

## MANY OTHERS

And there are many others, and this a person in my position knows as a fact, who have started on the journey back; who have seen how brittle and fragile life without God can be, there are many prodigals in Hongkong on the road back; and in our hearts we know we are all prodigals; today reminds us how far always God comes to meet us, in all his power he trusts himself a new born babe to your hands and mine, needing all the detailed care of little things; to start something new; and he will start something new in you; not just to touch up our tawdry virtues and unravel our tangled characters; but if we commit them daily into his care in prayer and worship, we bound our hearts and minds, then Christmas could be real in every portion here and God's power newborn in countless hearts.

## ST ANDREWS

At St. Andrew's Church the Rev. J. H. Ogilvie, officiated, in the evening, the Church held a Christmas "At Home" for Her Majesty's Forces and congregation and friends in the Vicarage. "At Home" Church, a fund for family worship was held, at which pupils of the Sunday School donated gifts of toys which were later sent to the Shatin Babes Home. The Union Church, Anglican Methodist Church, Kowloon Union Church and Emmanuel Church also held Christmas services on Saturday.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



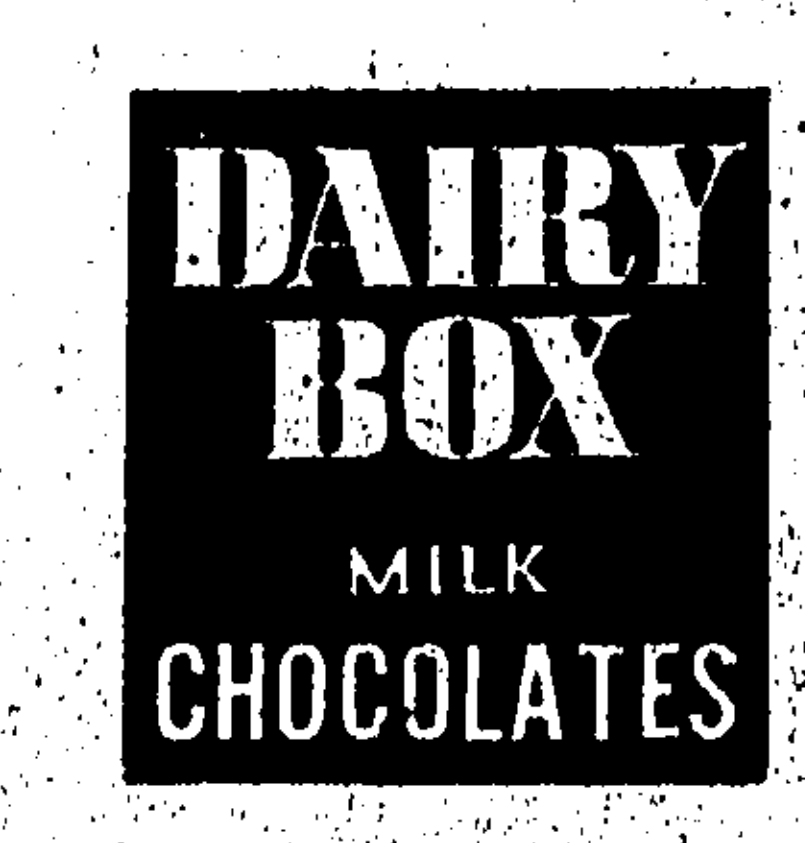
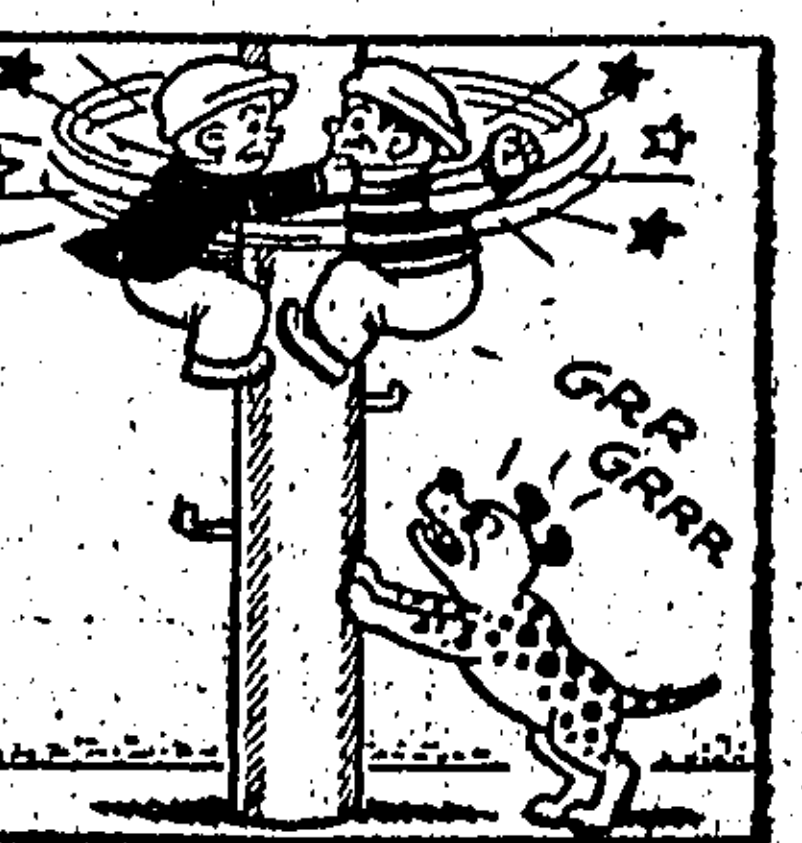
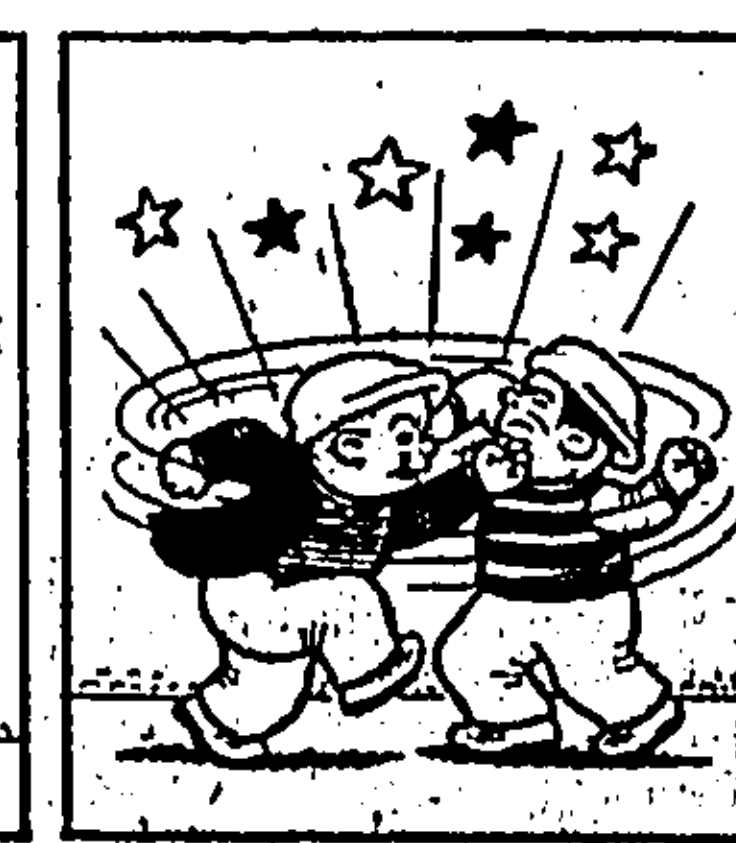
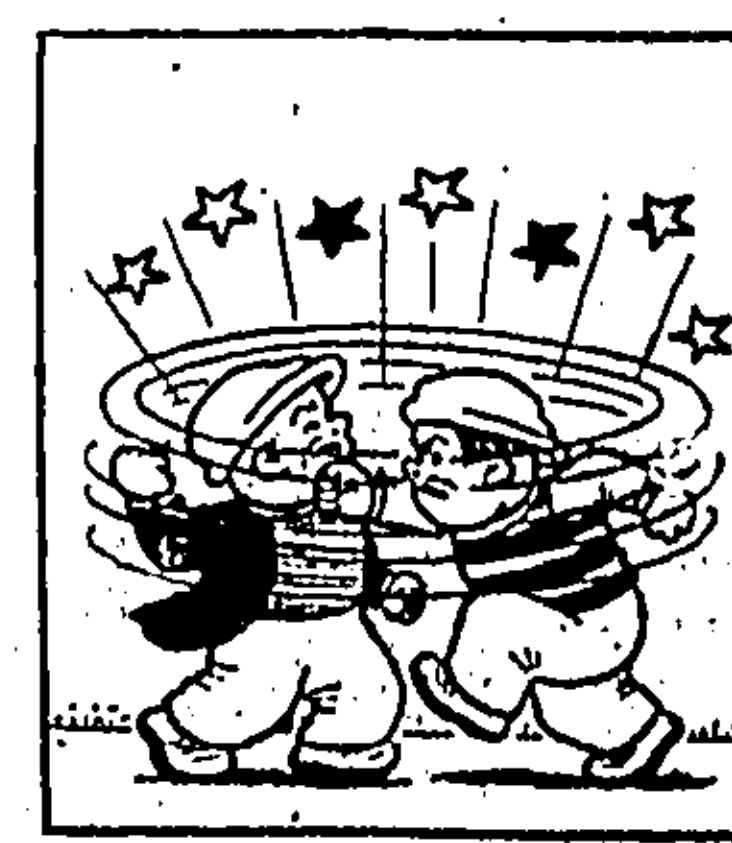
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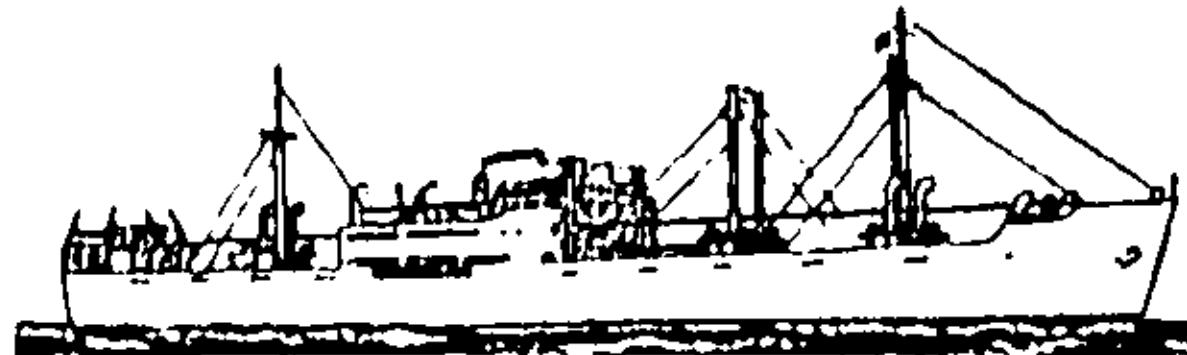
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## London Stock Market

## Turns Easier

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Dec. 25. After touching a new all-time peak at the previous week's close industrial shares on the London Stock Exchange turned easier this week though losses were generally narrowed before the holiday.

The market remained firm on Monday but next day industrials began to drift lower in sympathy with Government securities which still displayed weakness due to nervousness about the trend of money rates.

Wednesday's news of the threatened national railway strike thus found the market in a vulnerable state and prices were marked down sharply. On that day the Financial Times Industrial Index lost 2.1 to close at 178.6.

But selling was never greater and on Thursday as the normal seasonal quiet descended on the market buyers reappeared in search of bargains created by the previous day's price reductions.

The rally was assisted by the news that the Minister of Labour would intervene in the dispute to try to prevent the strike. The loss on the balance in the index between the previous week's close and Thursday of this week was 2.0.

## GILTS DRIFT

Gilt-edged securities drifted lower until Thursday when fractional gains were registered. This halted the fall in the Financial Times securities index which had lost .35 in the previous three days.

Oils followed the pattern of the industrial market—firm at first

—turning easier and then rallying before the week-end. Interest was mainly centred on British Petroleum (formerly Anglo-Iranian) which were dealt in for the first time in their new split form and Canadian Eagle which went strongly ahead at the beginning of the week.

Kafirs and coppers provided many bright features and plantation shares advanced.

Diamond shares came into the picture later in the week on rumours of a price increase for gems.

## Japan-Burma Rice Agreement

Tokyo, Dec. 25. Japan and Burma signed an agreement today under which Japan promised to buy 220,000 tons of Burmese rice during 1955.

The agreement was signed at the Foreign Office by Mr. Kichiro Asakura, Foreign Office Economic Affairs Bureau Director, for Japan, and Mr. Bo Min-maung, Burmese Public Works and Rehabilitation Minister for his country.

During negotiations leading to the agreement the Burmese delegation, headed by Mr. Bo, had asked Japan to buy the maximum 300,000 tons stipulated in an agreement signed on December 8 last. The minimum provided in that agreement was 200,000 tons.

The two sides compromised and agreed on the 220,000 tons figure.

The rice will be imported during the January-June period next year. The price for standard quality rice will be \$245 f.o.b. per ton—United Press.

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## PLATINUM DEAL WITH RUSSIA

Tokyo, Dec. 25. A deal to purchase 400 kilograms of platinum from the Soviet Union has been closed between the Soviet Trade Mission now in Tokyo and the Okura Shoji Trading Company, a trade report said today.

This was the first large-scale contract involving this metal signed with the Soviet Union since the war. Another Japanese firm imported 50 kilos of platinum from Russia in December and re-exported all of it to Brazil—France-Press.

## BATTLE FOR TRADE

Last year, 4,800 West German manufacturing firms went bankrupt. They failed in the ruthless war of price slashing and savage international competition that is making Germany Britain's most dangerous "export trade" rival. And the effect of these bankruptcies could be more disastrous for industrial Britain than for Germany herself.

Britain still sends out more exports than any other European country. Every month her dockers load £230 million worth at ports like London, Liverpool and Hull—40 per cent more than her nearest rival, Germany.

## GAINING

But Germany is catching up fast. So far this year her exports have gone up 20 per cent, compared with Britain's six per cent. She is well ahead of us in exports to South America and Europe—two-thirds of her exports go to Europe, compared with only one-third of Britain's. But she lags behind in North America and other overseas areas.

## DOUBLED

After the war the Germans said they would top the £800 million mark in annual exports by 1953; in fact, they did so early in 1951, and have doubled the volume since. Last year the famous Krupp's works took on a new lease of life by selling 100 locomotives to South America. And at the end of the year there were 50 per cent more foreign orders on German books than at the beginning.

How do the Germans do it? First, by the price-slashing policy that cuts out the inefficient firms.

Second, by well-organised displays at European trade fairs. Third, by the energy and drive of their salesmen all over the Continent.

British industry will have to fight hard to retain the lead shown, on Newmap.

## Jap Fishery Mission To China Delayed

Tokyo, Dec. 25. The departure of a Japanese fishery mission to Communist China originally scheduled at this time has been postponed till after January 5, the "Japan-Rest China Fisheries Council," a Japanese group sponsoring the trip, revealed today.

The delay will be communicated to the Peking Government, a Council spokesman said.

After the New Year holidays are over, the mission will endeavour to settle fishery problems pending between Communist China and Japan by direct negotiations, he added—France-Press.

## EUREKA JOLT

Eureka, Calif., Dec. 24. The most severe "after jolt" since the costly earthquake here last Tuesday shook this area early today but there was no immediate report of new damage.

The area has experienced several after-shocks since Tuesday's quake—Reuter.

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 "TJILUWAN" Jan. 18 Singapore  
 "RUYS" Jan. 22 Singapore

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 "TJIPANAS" Dec. 30 Kobe, Osaka, Nagoya & Yokohama  
 "TJIBODAS" Jan. 13 Kobe, Osaka, Nagoya & Yokohama  
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